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Canada 8 - Russia 0

Hodgson & Duchene Arriving
at Pearson tonight at 7:45

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Nikita Khrushchev once said, "In a fight you don't stop to choose your cudgels." Of course if you're Team Canada and planning to plant a flag in the Russian heartland, you might wanna' go with the one-piece titanium - mid-round open blade, please.

Apparently they make a pretty nice dent on the ol' Russian mystique.

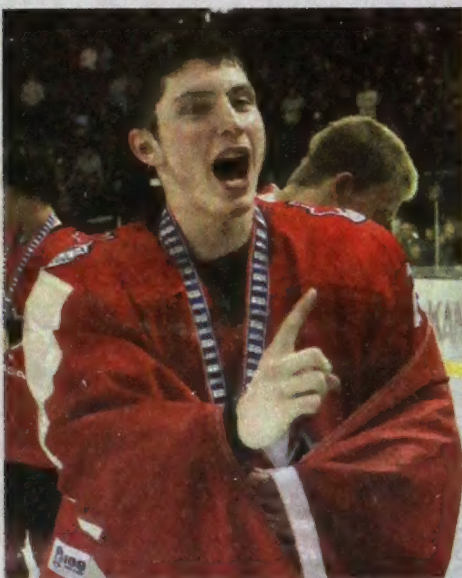
Team Canada 'danced with the cudgels that brought 'em' beating Russia 8-0 in the Gold Medal Game of the International Ice Hockey Federation's Under 18 Tournament yesterday afternoon. Cody Hodgson had three assists in the game.

That pushed his point total for the tournament to 12. Hodgson, Canadian captain and Haliburton cottager, finished with two goals and 10 assists in the tournament putting him in a tie with all-time Under 18 scoring leader Pierre-Marc Bouchard.

Haliburton's Matt Duchene didn't score any points in the final game, but finished the tourney with five goals and three assists in his seven games. The eight-point output was enough to put him in a tie for fifth place overall in the tournament.

If no one knew where Haliburton, Ontario was before the tourney, they do now.

Hodgson was featured in a Don Cherry moment during Coach's Corner last weekend. Duchene was an intermission guest in the TSN studio during Sunday's quarterfinal versus Finland. Millions of hockey fans across Canada now know that it's approximately 35 kilometers from the Hodgson's Highlands' cottage to Duchene's front door. That's how far Hodgson peddles his bike to attend impromptu shooting practice of a sunny summer's day. We found that out after the game on TSN yesterday.



Matthew Duchene

The blackberries of NHL scouting combines have all scrambled to Mapquest and they now know that Haliburton is a 2.5-hour crank from Oshawa down Highway 35.

And of course there's little doubt that some dedicated fans here in Haliburton will be googling reverse directions to Pearson airport today.

Team Canada arrives in Toronto at Pearson at 7:45 pm-tonite.

Canadian players will be stepping off the plane with bright yellow wafers clutched close to their hearts.

Somewhere in that mix, Hodgson and Duchene will be wearing their Gold Medals, grinning and accepting some well-deserved hugs and handshakes.

The smiles will be hard to beat.



Fitting, that.

This was a team that showed muscle when met; calmness when harassed; deft touch when needed; gritty defence when necessary; the pop, punch and presto in the hard knock of the qualifiers; and finally... they showed finish.

And finish, like a smile, is hard to beat.

Just ask a stunned and stymied Russian squad, who on the basis of a preliminary round 4-2 win over the Canadians probably expected better.

A shorthanded - and game-winning - first period tally by Nicolas Deschamps at 4:32 silenced the vigorous home crowd in Kazan and opened the floodgates. Canada took a 5-0 lead into the dressing room after one. That was more than enough.

The town of Haliburton was fully tuned to the event. As Hodgson and Duchene continued to ramp up their play in the preliminary rounds and into the playoffs, talk of the Stanley Cup drifted into abyss.

Thanks to excellent coverage by TSN, Haliburton hockey fans were able to live vicariously through the eyes and accomplishments of two players who quite literally got their start on the slick surface of Dysart et al Arena. (See accompanying article on page 20)

Sharpley's Source for Sports had the game on. Every business in town with access to a dish and a screen were tuned to TSN. McKeck's Place, the original hockey mecca in downtown



Cody Hodgson

Haliburton, had the volume up and the big screen on.

Talk on the street leading up to the Wednesday Gold Medal Match was surprisingly bereft of the usual NHL banter.

Hockey fans in Haliburton were one-tracked and on board the Canada Train.

Canadian Goalkeeper Jake Allen was named to the All-Star Team and was also named MVP of the tourney.

Duchene returns to his studies at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School next week.

Nikita Khrushchev's tomb is being checked for telltale 'rollover' damage. ■

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4C's Turned Down in Highlands East

The Highlands East Council was unable to support a proposal by the 4C's this week. Council was approached by Wayne Cox, Chairman of the 4C's Board in Haliburton to discuss the viability of using the Tory Hill Recreation Centre as a food bank and thrift shop for the area. While the suggestion was well received and supported by many area residents, it also generated a lot of discussion and opposition. In the end Council found they could not support the request.

According to Reeve Dave Burton, this isn't the first time Cox has approached Council about setting up a food bank in Highlands East. When approached after the meeting, Burton expressed his disappointment in Council's decision. Burton said "This was a chance to put a service into the area that was really needed."

During his presentation to Council Cox said that the 4C's had identified a need for a better organized food bank and thrift store in Highlands East as early as last summer. Cox said previous efforts to work with the Wilberforce Outreach group were unsuccessful.

According to Cox there are a number of Highlands East residents using their facility in Haliburton and he felt it would be beneficial to establish a facility closer to home. Cox said that 33% of the pickups made in Haliburton come from families in Highlands East and that they have 70 registrants from the area.

During his presentation Cox said Highlands East must be 100% in favour of his proposal. Otherwise, Cox said, "We won't invest \$15,000 in a community where the service isn't appreciated."

Cox said they needed a suitable public building with a minimum 1000 square feet. Highlands East would have to pay for power, heat and maintenance of the building. In addition Cox said a Steering Committee would be required consisting of two 4C's representatives, one Councillor, someone to act as Secretary/Treasurer and one or two other well-connected Highlands East citizens. Ultimately, Cox's objective was to see the Steering Committee hand responsibility over to a permanent Board of Directors within 12 months.

The building in question has seen a number of uses in the past. Initially a school house, it became a shared facility, used on one side as a Recreation Centre and as a Fire Station on the other. Eventually the Recreation Centre was closed due to problems with the water but it is still active as a Fire Hall. Councillor Gary Stoughton and Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie both voiced concern about the Fire Department's ability to have full use of the building. Mackie suggested using the old library, but Cox said it would be too small for both the food bank and thrift shop.

Paula Pepping, a resident in attendance at the meeting said she felt it would be critical to set up the food bank in a location where

there was access to other services like a grocery store or post office. She suggested that Tory Hill may not be the best location and that the 4C's should consider Gooderham.

This sparked discussion about other locations within Highlands East and how accessible they would be for those needing to access the food bank or thrift shop. Cox said that in considering the location, his Board felt Tory Hill was the most central spot. Cox also said, "We get an astounding number of residents from Cardiff."

Stoughton referenced the number of letters of support Council had received for the food bank in Tory Hill. Even though he was still concerned about a conflict with the fire fighters, Stoughton thought the Tory Hill location could be suitable. On the other hand, Stoughton commented that he didn't believe the Municipality itself should be in the thrift shop business.

Another Tory Hill resident stood up and said she believed people in the area would like to use the facility for other purposes. She said the facility had been shut down for some time and if it was to be available for use again it should be used for church meetings, training sessions or other community purposes.

Cox said it had not been his intention to cause dissension in the community; he had envisioned a community building experience

"I think we may have to bite the bullet and say no."

Councillor Gary Stoughton

and that in order to succeed the project must be strongly supported.

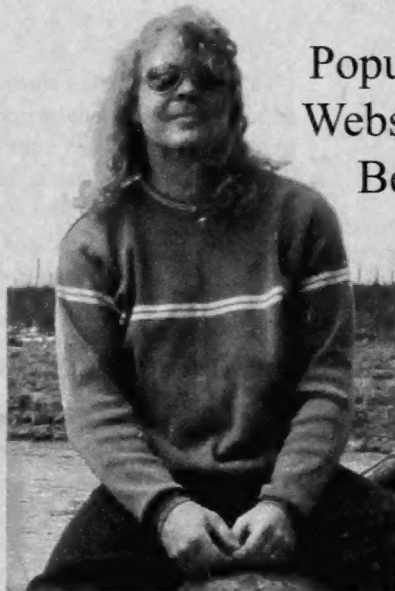
Councillor Suzanne Partridge voiced her concern that if there wasn't enough community support the Municipality would be saddled with the responsibility. She said "we have enough responsibility for buildings as things are now." Cox agreed that the community, not Council, must step in and assume responsibility for the food bank.

Mackie spoke with some fondness of activities he had attended at the Tory Hill Centre before it closed down. However, he said there was insufficient support in Tory Hill for the 4C's despite it being the geographic centre of the Municipality. Mackie commented that it made more sense to set the facility up in Gooderham.

At this point Stoughton said, "I think we may have to bite the bullet and say no!" Cox agreed, saying it was clear there wasn't enough support at this time. He said, "We'll leave the idea on the table and if another opportunity presents itself we'll be open to more discussion." ■

West Guilford's Carl Dixon Stable but in ICU

Popular Rocker's Website Fills with Best Wishes



A popular Canadian rock musician, and West Guilford resident, is in a critical condition in an Australian hospital after a head-on smash near Melbourne, Australia.

West Guilford singer-songwriter, and Guess Who front man, Carl Dixon, 40, was involved in the two-car accident on Monday night (April 14) at Ballan, west of Melbourne.

Dixon suffered broken bones and head and facial injuries, and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Melbourne's The Alfred Hospital.

I contacted The Alfred Hospital late Sunday night (2:30 pm Monday afternoon Melbourne time) and the attending ICU nurse said that, "Carl's condition is listed as critical but he is stable." There are other reports stating that Dixon is in an induced coma, but the ICU nurse said that they could not comment any further on Dixon's condition.

A coma is induced if attending medical staff feel that rest is required to speed the healing process.

In the first several days after an injury, there can be swelling and other reactions that are part of the body's repair mechanism. But in the brain, those processes can be damaging. The idea is if you can tide the patient through this period of acute response, via an induced coma, you can improve the outcome.

The ICU nurse said that Dixon was unable to speak, but she stopped short of corroborating reports that Dixon is in an induced coma. "He's attached to several machines right now which make speech impossible," she said.

During another phone call on Tuesday morning the attending ICU nurse said that, "he's doing well."

Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper reported that Dixon's Toyota Corolla collided head on with a Toyota Land Cruiser in the early evening dinner hour. Reports indicate that it took upwards of an hour to remove Dixon from the car and he was immediately airlifted to hospital.

The driver of the other vehicle, a 32-year-old Jan Juc man, is in the Royal Melbourne Hospital with serious injuries.

According to reports, Dixon was traveling back from a recording studio at Daylesford, north of Melbourne, where he was recording songs for the popular Australian television series *The Saddle Club*.

His daughter Lauren, 12, plays the lead role of Stevie in the series, which is being filmed at Daylesford.

Dixon's wife, Betty Ujvari has been in Australia with Lauren during filming of the series. They have a residence near Daylesford and Carl was driving back to the family's Australia residence when the accident occurred.

The company that produces Saddle Club offered to fly the couple's other daughter, 15-year-old Carlin, to Australia and they have also provided lodgings for the family while Dixon recuperates at The Alfred.

Carlin spoke with Toronto Star reporter Tamsyn Burgmann before she left for Australia.

Carlin told the Star that her mother called shortly after the mishap to tell her that her father "has broken bones and bumps and bruises, but no internal, spinal or head injuries."

"He really just needs all the support he can get and all the love of his fans," Carlin told the Star.

Dixon hosts a rock show on local radio station Canoe FM. Carlin and Lauren hosted a children's show on the same radio station and their dad was very involved in all facets of their life. Carl, Betty, Lauren and Carlin are also immersed in local events and are fixtures at Sir Sam's Ski Area during the winter months. Carl provided après ski entertainment at Sir Sam's on numerous occasions over the past three years. Carl has been very busy with his solo career and has also been performing with the Guess Who since 1997.

Dixon was born in Sault Ste Marie, but his music propelled him to larger centers, first as a member of Montreal's Firefly, and then later to larger success as front man and singer-songwriter for the popular Toronto group Coney Hatch. When Coney Hatch disbanded in 1985 he went on to a solo career mixed with stints as a touring member of April Wine. In 1997 he was asked to come on as a front man for legendary Winnipeg rock band the Guess Who. Dixon continues to front for the Guess Who. Dixon had tour gigs scheduled with the Guess Who in Biloxi Mississippi and Flandreau, South Dakota on April 18 and 19.

Postings of support have been flooding onto the injured musician's website.

Wife Betty Ujvari has a note posted on the website carldixon.com that says, "Carl has a very long road ahead of him but he is strong and he is a fighter... Keep your positive thoughts flowing; keep sending your messages. If you haven't hugged and told someone you love that you do - then please do so. Life is precious."

You can post get-well messages on the carldixon.com site.

Ujvari said that she will be reading the notes to Carl when he is ready to hear them. ■

SISSY'S LOVE CONNECTION

SLC Fundraiser. Silent & Live Auctions, Raffles

SAT . May 3 1:00 to 4:00 Fleming College



Launch of a new fundraising initiative for children of Haliburton County

- To recognize community involvement of Janice Crawford of Jan's Hair Affair.
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- Her sister, Lynne Waram-Brady in London, Ontario is establishing this fund as a legacy to Janice
- Will be administered in Haliburton by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth, and Parents
- Will provide financial assistance for children
- To enrich their lives in artistic and cultural opportunities such as guitar lessons or pottery course.
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Mostly sunny and pleasant
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FRIDAY


Cloudy with a chance of showers
▲ 19° ▼ 9°

SATURDAY


Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms
▲ 18° ▼ 7°

SUNDAY


Partly cloudy and cooler
▲ 13° ▼ 4°

MONDAY


Cloudy with rain likely
▲ 12° ▼ 2°

TUESDAY


Cooler and breezy with a chance of showers
▲ 6° ▼ 0°

WEDNESDAY


Slight chance of A.M. rain and snow showers
▲ 6° ▼ -2°

AROUND THE REGION: The weather on Thursday will be quite pleasant as skies will continue to be sunny. Highs will be in the upper teens. Clouds will be on the increase on Thursday night with lows in the upper single digits. Wet weather will be experienced on Friday and Saturday as a series of storm systems spin through the region. Highs will be in the mid- and upper teens.

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers

LOTTO 649
April 19, 2008
05 27 30 32 46 49
Bonus Number 09
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SUPER 7
April 18, 2008
02 09 10 12 18 43 47
Bonus Number 03
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Moderate

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Hi/Low/Otk	Hi/Low/Otk	Hi/Low/Otk	Hi/Low/Otk	Hi/Low/Otk	Hi/Low/Otk	Hi/Low/Otk
Bancroft	18/8/su	19/9/cl	18/7/ts	13/4/pc	11/2/ra	6/0/sh	6/2/cl
Barrie	19/9/su	21/10/sh	18/7/ts	13/4/pc	12/3/ra	7/1/sh	7/1/cl
Dorset	18/8/su	19/9/sh	18/6/ts	12/3/pc	11/2/ra	6/0/sh	6/2/cl
Haliburton	18/8/su	19/9/sh	18/7/ts	13/4/pc	12/2/ra	6/0/sh	6/2/cl
Huntsville	18/8/su	19/9/sh	18/6/ts	12/3/pc	11/2/ra	6/0/sh	6/2/cl
Kingston	19/9/su	20/9/cl	18/8/ts	14/6/pc	12/3/ra	8/2/sh	7/0/cl
Lindsay	19/9/su	20/10/sh	18/7/ts	13/4/pc	12/3/ra	7/1/sh	7/2/cl
Minden	18/8/su	19/9/sh	18/7/ts	13/4/pc	12/2/ra	6/0/sh	6/2/cl
Oshawa	20/9/su	21/11/sh	18/7/ts	14/6/pc	12/4/ra	8/2/sh	7/1/cl
Ottawa	19/9/su	20/7/pc	20/9/sh	16/7/su	13/4/ra	9/3/sh	7/1/cl
Toronto	19/9/su	22/11/sh	18/8/ts	14/5/pc	12/4/ra	8/2/sh	7/1/cl

NATIONAL CITIES

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Calgary	-1/7/sf	1/6/sf	10/5/su	14/1/su	12/2/su	13/2/ra	6/0/mx
Edmonton	2/-7/sf	3/-3/cl	8/-2/pc	13/-3/mx	12/0/dz	12/1/dz	7/-4/mx
Fredericton	13/6/sh	14/4/pc	16/8/pc	9/2/sh	13/3/cl	13/3/ra	10/1/sh
Halifax	14/6/sh	11/4/pc	12/5/pc	8/3/sh	10/3/pc	8/4/ra	9/4/sh
Montreal	20/8/su	18/6/pc	20/8/sh	19/11/su	14/6/ra	9/6/sh	7/2/cl
Regina	3/-4/cl	11/1/sh	6/-3/cl	9/-5/sf	12/-4/pc	12/-2/dz	8/-4/mx
St. John's	8/1/cl	8/3/cl	11/3/cl	3/2/sh	3/3/cl	4/3/dz	6/3/sh
Saskatoon	2/-7/cl	6/-2/sh	5/-3/cl	4/-3/sf	8/-3/cl	13/1/sh	7/-6/mx
Vancouver	12/8/sh	13/6/sh	19/3/su	14/11/ra	14/9/mx	13/8/mx	13/7/sh
Whitehorse	8/-2/pc	9/-1/cl	7/-2/pc	1/-6/sn	0/-2/sf	2/-8/mx	2/-8/cl
Winnipeg	2/-4/mx	4/-4/sn	2/-6/sn	7/-2/mx	8/-3/cl	12/-1/pc	9/-3/sh

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday 4/22	24°C	6°C	0.0 mm
Monday 4/21	23°C	5°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 4/20	25°C	10°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 4/19	26°C	2°C	0.0 mm
Friday 4/18	24°C	0°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 4/17	22°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/16	17°C	-3°C	0.0 mm

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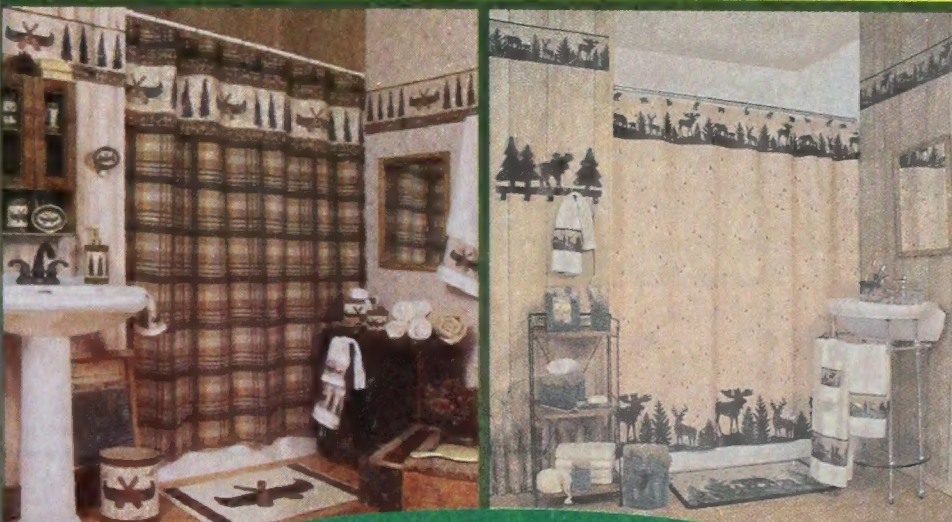
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Sat.	6:10 a.m./8:14 p.m.	1:41 a.m./9:59 a.m.
Sun.	6:09 a.m./8:15 p.m.	2:18 a.m./11:05 a.m.
Mon.	6:07 a.m./8:17 p.m.	2:48 a.m./12:14 p.m.
Tues.	6:06 a.m./8:18 p.m.	3:13 a.m./1:25 p.m.
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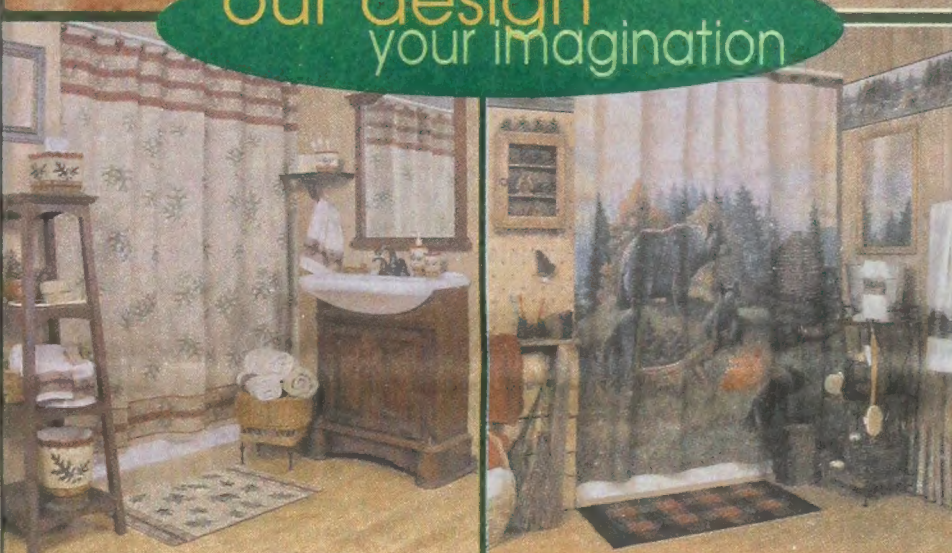
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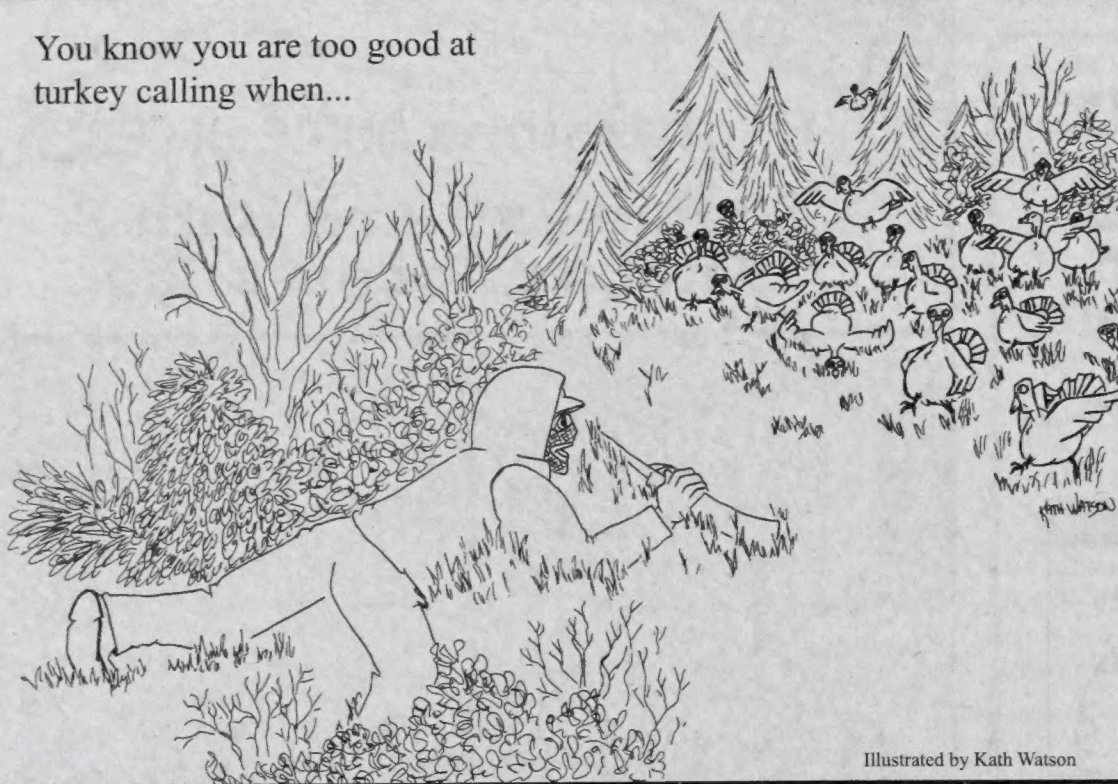




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County Voice

You know you are too good at turkey calling when...



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No Democratic Deficit Here

Dear Editor:

Environment Haliburton! (EH!) is delighted to congratulate and thank the Townships of Highlands East, Dysart and Algonquin Highlands for joining with other eastern Ontario local governments in calling upon the provincial government to institute a moratorium on uranium exploration and mining.

Letter of the Week

Throughout North America, it is local governments who are taking the lead in

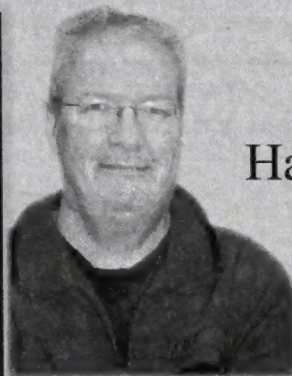
environmental measures from signing up to the Kyoto Accord to participating in Earth Hour to banning pesticide use to encouraging water conservation. Local governments are closest to their citizens. Their environmental concerns reflect our desire to protect our home, mother earth. It is encouraging to know that Haliburton County is not running a democratic deficit!

Again, thank you and congratulations
Heather Ross for EH! ■

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Happy Haliburton Earth Day – In Honour of R.D. Lawrence



This week's Grand Opening of the R.D. Lawrence Place in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre was, by turns, formal, funny, funky, a little sad, and in the end, simply inspirational. (See article on page 8.) Through the untiring efforts of his widow Sharon Lawrence, ably abetted by Dianne Graham, Pauline Johnson, and their formidable team of volunteers (along with timely political input), the Place became a reality in what seemed record time. A mere four and half years after his death, Ron Lawrence's legacy has been secured for this County and the world. The speed is certainly fitting, since in life Mr. Lawrence had little time for the fussing of bureaucrats and even less for political games. He was that odd combination of the man of action, of "doing", yet he was also devoted passionately to the solitary and sedentary vocation of writing.

I first met Ron and Sharon when my spouse Holly and I opened a bookstore in Haliburton in the 1980s, shortly after the Lawrences had moved to Wolf Hollow in Gooderham. Ron and I had both laboured as journalists and viewed our craft, and in particular publishers, with a happily jaundiced eye. But as a writer, he loved independent booksellers, and was as supportive of our enterprise as he could possibly be, launching new books from our store, for example. I remember one weekend selling almost a hundred copies of his new release "A Natural History of Canada", all signed by the author, with Ron tirelessly answering customers' questions.

At that same time Holly and I moved into what was then a remote property off the Harburn Road. As aspiring amateur naturalists we plagued the Lawrences with endless questions about the richness and minutiae of our bush, the flora, and the fauna surrounding us. We walked constantly through that bush – for a month each spring a four-kilometre walk was the only way to get to our truck, for example – and we were acutely conscious that not all wild life was benign. We encountered bears often: once a mother and two cubs happily cleaned up our barbecue after some early spring salmon. I remember the mother, keeping her distance 20 metres into the bush, making an odd, clicking sound, which Ron later identified for us as a gentle warning to her yearlings. In addition, fishers and wolves made many a meal of porcupine, beaver, and deer around the house. Some of our friends advised us to get guns for our walks, just in case. The spring bear hunt was still a reality, as were the rotten meat dumps planted in the bush to lure the ravenous bears into range.

I remember asking Ron, an ex-trapper and hunter, if he thought we should arm ourselves. He said if we did, we'd never walk the bush in quite the same way again. "After all my forays into the bush both with a gun, and without, I believe that firearms isolate you from the realities and the nuances of nature in some profound way. Obviously, if you have a 500-pound bear charging you, you'd prefer to have a gun, but if you didn't you'd learn to know if a bear was in the vicinity, and communicate your presence in such a way as to ensure you gave each other necessary space. With a gun it's you against the bush; without, it's you within the forest, and at the highest level, at one with it."

Everyone involved with the creation of the R.D. Lawrence Place should be congratulated for the successful realization of this fascinating project. Ron would have loved to see the expressions on the faces of the Archie Stouffer Grade Sevens as they delighted in the tactile treats and imaginative interactive displays. To me, one of Ron Lawrence's more endearing qualities was a kind of little-boy innocence he brought to his treks through the bush and his fascination with the natural world: and that innocence will now have many more lifetimes at the Place created in his honour. ■

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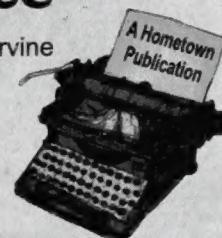
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"After eight major exercises held in three separate countries, we are ready to go!"

The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

Departure Ceremony

On Friday 11 April 2008, the 200 (+) members of Joint Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters gathered with their families at the 1 RCR Drill Hall for the long awaited departure ceremony. Dressed for the first time in our ARID uniforms and accompanied by family members we all braved the weather and knocked the snow off our rather fashionable tan boots. Jokes resounded with regards to Murphy and his laws and how the last snow fall (hopefully) hit us on the same day that we transitioned into our tan uniforms.

The guest of honour for the event was the Honourable David Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario who was accompanied by Cheryl Gallant (MP), Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet, Pembroke Mayor Ed Jacyno, Brigadier-General J.C. Collin – the Commander for Land Force Central Area and several other distinguished guests. The Lieutenant Governor gave a very moving speech which was both from the throne and from his own family: its essence was that Canada was proud of her soldiers and the mission for which we were about to embark upon, as well as a heart-felt wish that all of us come home safely.

One unique portion of the event were the taped messages from several distinguished Canadians, which were played on the large screen behind the speaker's dais. The notables who sent their wishes included Don Cherry, Rick Mercer, George Canyon and Wayne Rostand. Don Cherry set the tone with his typical Coach's Corner approach stating how he was proud of all Canadian soldiers and their families and wished us a safe return home. Rick Mercer had the room in fits of laughter stating that he would hopefully see us in Kandahar in the fall (as not only is he afraid of Rick Hillier who told him that he had to go, but he finds Kandahar an excellent venue as he truly has a captive audience). George Canyon focused his comments toward the families of those deploying and expressed his admiration for the sacrifice that the families must make when a member deploys. Wayne Rostand echoed the remarks of all of the distinguished Canadians sending a warm wish for a safe return.

The Area Commander Brigadier-General Collin had the closing remarks as he told the families that he would personally do everything in his power to assist the families of those deploying to ensure that they were being properly taken care of. He sent a clear message to all in attendance that while we may be deploying, the sacrifices of the families should never be underestimated.

At the conclusion of the event MP Cheryl Gallant moved from family to family expressing her concern and wishes for a safe return. She ensured that every family had her business card and stated quite openly that should the family of a deployed service member have a problem, they should call her office for assistance.

As we fought our way back home through the freezing rain and snow, it was comforting to know that those who were remaining on the home front were not being forgotten and that our military and political officials have now recognized the contributions the families make to our deployed service personnel.

With deployment now just a few weeks away, focus is now shifted to getting things ready to leave. My wife has just about finished the "honey do" list (which of course I have about seven days to complete), all my green uniforms are nicely stored until next spring and my daughter wants her training wheels off. Our long road to Kandahar now reaches the last few steps – after eight major exercises held in three separate countries, we are ready to go! ■

Talk About Your Spring Thaw...



Where'd the Road Go?
Highway 648 Near Harcourt Gives Way

Cindy Baumhour spotted a portion of Hwy 648 missing as she was driving down the road on the morning of Friday, April 18.

"It was about a 15-foot wide hole in the road," Baumhour told the Voice. "About 90 per cent of it was gone."

The road collapse happened in the south lane just east of the town of Harcourt, forcing the area to be sectioned off.

"They made the traffic take a detour onto Mumford Rd.," said Baumhour. She pointed out that Mumford Rd. was first attended to because it was washed out in two places. She says that workers were repairing the broken highway this past Wednesday morning.

"The detour is a dirt road," she joked, adding that Hwy 648 provides a much smoother and quicker ride to get her where she's going.

For the month of April, it looks like Cindy's story might just get her the Scoop of the Month. Don't forget that you too could win \$100 in our monthly contest. See pg. 4 for more details. ■



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On April 24, 1980, an ill-fated military operation to rescue 52 American hostages held in Tehran, Iran, ends with eight U.S. servicemen dead and no hostages rescued. The hostages were not released for another 270 days, the day President Jimmy Carter left office.

On April 25, 1859, at Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, intended to connect the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. Fewer than 500 ships navigated the canal in its first full year of operation. Today, an average of 50 ships navigate the canal daily, carrying more than 300 million tons of goods a year.

On April 26, 1954, the Salk polio vaccine field trials, involving 1.8 million children, begin. The study used for the first time the now-standard double-blind method, whereby neither the patient nor attending doctor knew if the inoculation was the vaccine or a placebo.

On April 27, 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler. Scientists in the 20th century developed the Big Bang theory, which showed that Kepler's calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.

On April 28, 1789, the HMS Bounty is seized in a mutiny led by Fletcher Christian, the master's mate. Captain William Bligh and 18 of his loyal supporters were set adrift in a small, open boat. Bligh and his men reached the East Indies in June after a voyage of some 3,600 miles.

On April 29, 1974, President Richard Nixon announces that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena. On Aug. 8, 1974, Nixon avoided a Senate impeachment trial by becoming the first U.S. president to resign from office.

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Impaired Drivers

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment charged three people on Friday with alcohol related driving offences.

Early Friday morning an officer from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment stopped a vehicle in the Village of Haliburton. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs is Lucas Justin Peters 29 years, of Joly Twp. Mr. Peters will be appearing in Minden Court on June 4, 2008 in relation to the charge.

On Friday morning an officer from the O.P.P. Central Region S.A.V.E. (Snowmobile, ATV, and Vessel Enforcement) Team was participating in the O.P.P. Spring Seat Belt Initiative in the Village of Haliburton. The officer stopped a vehicle and had conversation with the driver. The driver was arrested after failing a roadside screening device.

Charged with Drive Over 80mgs is William James O'Reilly 50 years of Highlands East Township. Mr. O'Reilly will be appearing in Minden Court on May 7, 2008 in relation to the charge.

Early Friday evening an officer from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment was on Hwy#118 participating in the O.P.P. Spring Seat Belt Initiative. The officer stopped a vehicle and had conversation with the driver. The driver was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs is Paul Shcherbak 49 years of Enniskillen. Mr. Shcherbak will be appearing in Minden Court on May 7, 2008 in relation to the charges. ■

Damage to Vehicle

On Saturday the 19th of April 2008 Officer from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of a vehicle damaged at the rear of a building on Hastings Street North in the Town of Bancroft. Sometime overnight unknown suspects damaged the windshield wiper, deflated the tires and stole the gas cap from a Chevrolet Astro van. Anyone with information about this mischief is encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-267-4357. ■

"Historical Sexual Assault"

Peterborough Police Requests Help for 30-year-old Case

The Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service has requested that anyone with information regarding a Sexual Assault that may have taken place in Haliburton County in the mid-1970s contact them as soon as possible.

Detective Constable Sean Nusink told the Voice that, "we have good reason to believe that a serious Sexual Assault on a female took place in a field in Haliburton County around 1976, but there were no arrests made. We have new information that leads us to believe that the perpetrator is at large. We are searching all our records for any indication that a report was filed, but at this point we're assuming no investigation took place, and it's likely that the victim did not come forward either. We urge her, or anyone else with any knowledge of this case, to contact us at their earliest convenience."

You can reach Detective Nusink at 705 876-1122, or by email at snusink@peterborough.ca. ■

Young Persons Charged in Break and Enter

On Friday the 18th of April 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a break and enter at Maynooth Public School in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Investigation revealed that two young persons forcibly entered the school and stole a computer and stereo. A 14 year old male young person of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands has been charged with break and enter and possession of stolen property contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. A 15 year old male young person of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands has been charged with break and enter and possession of stolen property contrary to the Criminal Code and fail to comply with probation order contrary to the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Both young persons were released from custody and are scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the 19th of June, 2008. ■

Break and Enter to Residence in Bancroft

On Friday the 18th of April 2008 the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of a residence broken into on Station Street in the Town of Bancroft. Officers attended the scene where the door of the residence had been damaged. As a result of the investigation a young person was arrested and transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment. A 17 year old male young person of Bancroft has been charged with break and enter and mischief contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. The young person was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court. ■

Attempted Murder Charges Laid

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have arrested a male party in relation to a weapons incident that occurred Friday night at a residence on the Gelert Road in the Township of Dysart et Al.

Bruce Joseph Sacheski 54 years of the Township of Minden Hills was arrested without incident Saturday afternoon while walking down Sedgewick Road. Sedgewick Road is located in the Township of Minden Hills.

Mr. Sacheski has been charged with the following offences and will be appearing for a bail hearing today in Lindsay.

Attempted Murder X2
Attempted Robbery with a Firearm
Uttering Threats
Pointing a Firearm
Discharging a Firearm with intent – endangering life ■

Males Charged

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment assisted by members of the Rural Agriculture Crime Team (R.A.C.T.) have charged two males as a result of an investigation into a Break, Enter and Theft that occurred in the Slipper Lake area of Algonquin Highlands Township in December of 2007.

Dale Reed 20 years of Orillia has been charged with Break, Enter and Theft, Theft Over \$5000.00 and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.00.

Mr. Reed will be appearing in Lindsay court on April 24, 2008 in relation to the charges.

A 17 year old young person has also been charged with Theft Over \$5000.00, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.00 and Obstruct Police. He will be appearing in Orillia court in May 2008. ■

Charges Laid in Relation to Injured Male

In the morning of Saturday the 05th of April 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of an injured male on Cleak Avenue in the Town of Bancroft. A 39 year old male of Bancroft was found injured and transported to Quinte Healthcare North Hastings.

As a result of the investigation Shane MENARD a 38 year old male of the Township of Faraday has been charged with Aggravated Assault contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and is in custody pending bail.

James RUSH a 23 year old male of Bancroft has also been charged in relation to the incident. Mr. RUSH has been charged with assault contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and is scheduled to attend Bancroft court on May 13th, 2008. ■

Found Syringes

On Wednesday the 9th of April 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of syringes found on Cleak Street in

the Town of Bancroft. The OPP attended the location and disposed of the syringes. The OPP would like to remind parents to tell their children not to handle items such as syringes. Sharp objects including syringes should be disposed of properly. ■

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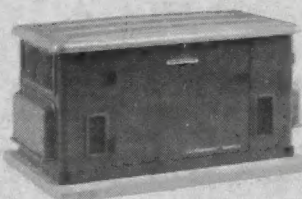
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The Power of Decision-Making

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

One hundred and sixty Grade 7-12 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) should now be able to make better decisions on that long road to adulthood.

And that's because the Haliburton Community Action Group on Alcohol and Drugs (CAG) taught them all about how to "Party in the Right Spirit" on Thursday, April 17 at the high school just in time for prom. The group consists of representatives from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), Point in Time, the Four Counties Addiction Services Team, the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the District School Board.

Also JHDES, members of the Youth Speak group from Toronto shared their life-altering experiences with drugs and alcohol to students in Grade 7 and 8. Some students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School also attended the speeches.

For those at HHSS, the day began with opening presentations on how to plan ahead for prom night. Opening speakers included Mark McMaster of the O.P.P., ER nurse Liz Geddis and EMS worker Larry Blanchard.

Students then moved into assigned rooms in groups where they took part in the "Party Issues #1 Activity". There they learned all about impairment, liability and sexual decision-making.

"I've learned all about liability. They stressed the fact of having a designated driver," said student Dan Goodwin. "It's a good format," he added.

As the day progressed, a lunch and trade show was opened up to students in the gym. Here, a number of youth services from Haliburton County gathered with displays and literature on everything from how to find help for a mental health problem to a booth featuring McMaster with a working Breathalyzer for an interactive test.

"It's interesting and beneficial," said Grade 12 student Garrett Lorenz right after blowing with all of his might into the breathalyzer. "Today I've found out about impairment and how drinking can affect anyone's life no matter what."

In an article by The Voice's Liz Danielsen on Thursday, March 27, McMaster released some statistics about the rate of alcohol consumption among teens. From these numbers, 28 per cent of Grade 7 students and 40 per cent of Grade 8 students have experimented with alcohol. The statistics go on to show that by the time students hit Grade 12, 83 per cent of them have used alcohol and 45 per cent have tried marijuana.

When asking Bridget McFarthing of the HKPR if students already knew all about drugs and the different kinds of substances that are out there she replied by saying, "No, they don't. They have misinformation." McFarthing spent time teaching students at an exhibit that showed examples of various different drugs including: ecstasy, methamphetamine and LSD.

"They thought they'd be able to identify the hypos and

drugs like LSD, but you can't tell. LSD can be the size of a sprinkle on a cake," she said.

"Our theme is to know where to draw the line before you get to the point of being totally wasted," said Karen Frybort of McKeck's Place who was letting students taste a non-alcohol based beverage. "You've got to know where the line is before you get your foot on it," said Frybort.

On the lighter side of things, students were able to peruse

see their life going in the wrong direction.

"I liked those stories we heard. It shows how people can be after going through that stuff," said student Chris Hosken.

"It was a lot of fun. Just a great program," said student volunteer Andrew Flowers. "This was beyond excellent!"

Karen Pettinella, one of the head organizers of the event and Public Health Nurse from HKPR, said that students responded well to the interactive sessions and that they had nothing but positive reactions to the guest speakers from Youth Speak.

"I was really amazed by the community effort," said Pettinella. "We would have not been able to do it without the trade shows, the guest speakers and the support of the school."

So what does Vice Principal Irv Sternberg think about the "Party in the Right Spirit" event?

"I talked with a lot of grades and they are passionate about the messages that they got today. They loved the format," said Sternberg. "It's given our grades the tools to make good decisions when it comes to partying." He went on to say that the real-life stories of both Spencer and Nicole were tremendously powerful and engaged students.

So how does the VP feel about giving the green light to the HKPR for a 2nd annual "Party in the Right Spirit"?

"There's no question that it'll happen again next year," he responded.

To learn more about the HKPR and to stay abreast of their most recent initiatives, visit their web site at www.hkpr.on.ca.



some stylish new gift ideas for that special prom night.

"These are prom ideas for kids," said Anne Neave, owner of Campbell's Garden Centre. "The young students are really sure about what it is that they want!" she added.

The day finally wrapped up at HHSS with special guests Spencer Shields and Nicole Helfer of Youth Speak.

Shields gave his gripping tale of how drugs overruled every part of his life and how they almost put an end to his life.

"They blazed me in the wrong path and gave me the wrong mindset," he recalled. "I got depressed and didn't know who I was."

Nicole Helfer had big shoes to fill after Shield's true accounts. But she didn't seem to show a hint of apprehension when taking the stage. She also was nearly killed when walking on train tracks while under the influence of a substance.

"I was in a coma for 11 days. My heart stopped twice," said Helfer. She faced permanent physical damage to her legs after the train accident and to this day is affected by her past choices. Her message to students is that they should seek help immediately if they

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Happy Earth Day – and What a Party!

Haliburton County celebrated Earth Day this past Tuesday with the hugely successful opening of the R.D. Lawrence Place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Over 300 volunteers, naturalists, farmers, writers, musicians, politicians, business people, children, students, educators, and just plain folks turned out to honour the legacy of the world-famous author, who spent some of his most prolific writing years at Wolf Hollow, near Gooderham.

Sharon Lawrence, Lawrence's widow and a driving force behind the creation of the R.D. Lawrence Place, wished the gathering Happy Earth Day and gave the audience a short but heartfelt tour of R.D.'s life and work: "Ron was an adventurer, a naturalist, and a superb story teller who wrote 30 books published in 30 countries in 16 languages. He was born at sea on board the HMS Thunderer in the Bay of Biscay, the fifth child of Thomas Lawrence, a journalist, and Ester Luz Rodriguez, a teacher. His parents spoke 15 languages between them: Ron grew up to speak eight, including Arabic, Swahili, and Cree." To spearhead the creation of R.D. Lawrence Place, Sharon donated all of Ron's literary estate and memorabilia to the project after his death in 2003.

Sharon and Ron Lawrence moved to Haliburton permanently in 1984 where Ron wrote, Sharon edited, and they jointly looked after their own wolf pack, as well as rehabilitating hundreds of injured or orphaned wildlife, including bears, foxes, beavers, and raccoons. Thousands of admirers visited Wolf Hollow over the years to talk with Ron and Sharon about their work and the environment. As he grew older the couple became more than ever convinced of the need for the wider public to have access to as much environmental education as possible. Ron believed passionately in history, culture and the arts, particularly writing, and education. "It's especially gratifying for me to see Ron's legacy sustained in a centre devoted to environmental education," Sharon told the Voice. "He would have loved this place, and this day."

The R.D. Lawrence Place was built by 26 Fleming College students, Haliburton's Sustainability Building and Construction program, in 2007. Chris Magwood, the program leader, paid tribute to Lawrence's legacy as a naturalist and environmentalist: "It's a perfect fit. This building works with nature and natural materials in a way that recognizes his remarkable life and career."

R.D. Lawrence Place will be an interactive



Sharon Lawrence



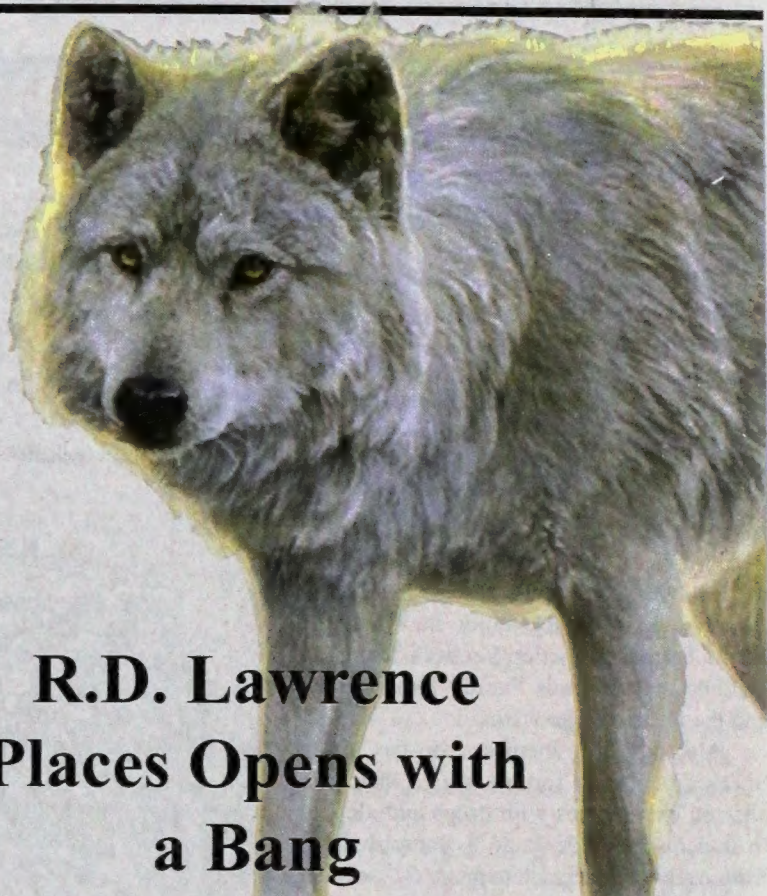
Holly Broderick, Emily Shapiera, Jacob Harrison, Zach Cox, George Charlebois & Cody Withey (L to R)



Maia O'Sullivan with...



Friends of R.D. Lawrence Place



R.D. Lawrence Places Opens with a Bang

learning centre as well as a venue for lectures, movies, and a home for the writer's literary estate. And interactive it most certainly was, as evidenced by the fun some 30 Grade Seven Archie Stouffer students had at the Grand Opening. Where else could you get down and dirty with a dozen different types

of animal scat? The presence of these kids showed just how full of life and excitement the Place already is, and what an important presence it will be to the community, and the larger world.

Among those paying tribute to Lawrence's legacy were Haliburton MP Barry Devolin, MPP Laurie Scott, Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal, Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and Councillor Peter Oyler, Fleming College President Tony Tilly, and Dianne Graham, the outgoing Cultural Centre Director. Graham, Sharon Lawrence, and Writer Pauline Johnson were instrumental in establishing the Friends of R.D. Lawrence Place which spearheaded the entire project.

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Fire Destroys Cottage Near Minden

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Sparks Fly as Firefighters Battle Blaze

"It was pretty busy when I got there."

That's how Minden Hills resident James Kennedy describes the scene at the fire he spotted while driving along Deep Bay Rd. on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Kennedy first noticed smoke in the sky from a distance while driving down the road.

The fire was at a building on Rackety Trail (near Deep Bay Rd.). Falling hydro lines could be seen causing sparks to fly. A small shed beside the cottage also caught fire but was quickly contained.

As of press time, Deputy Fire Chief Miles Gartshore was unable to release any details about the incident. Details will be available in the next issue. ■



James Kennedy saw smoke coming from behind the trees, investigated the source, discovered the cottage fire and called 911.

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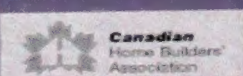
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Miriam MacGillis, OP, co-founder of Genesis Farm, from "Fate of the Earth"

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

The Green Nun Meets The Green Man

MINDEN – Back in the mid-sixties, Sister Miriam MacGillis was happily ensconced in a fairly humdrum life.

"Looking back, I was a Dominican Sister; I had a Master's Degree in Art; and I was an art teacher," says MacGillis, speaking last Friday evening at the Minden United Church.

She chuckles briefly at the recollection, reflective brilliance brimming from her alert eyes, as if it were yesterday.

"I was a happy Dominican, until one day a student questioned me about the Vietnam War," laughs MacGillis. "She pinned me to the wall, and she wouldn't let go... I was asleep," she recalls. From the mouths of babes.

MacGillis recalls that the student jarred her from a self-imposed reverie.

"I didn't have an answer," says MacGillis. The embarrassment she felt then is manifest by an almost imperceptible, but telling, shrug of the shoulder. It's obvious that the student's question, and her own lack of an appropriate response, triggered an enormous psychic shift.

MacGillis allows that the student's challenge was a wake-up call; a moral gut-check if you will. It was one of two events in the late sixties, says MacGillis, that altered her life forever.

At about the same time, the USA put men on the moon.

"When I saw that image of the earth from the moon, in 1969," says MacGillis, "I had a profound shattering of my beliefs."

Thus it happened, that a third-degree from precocious student coupled with the seminal picture of "earth rising" propelled an unassuming young Dominican nun onto a parapet of transcendence.

"Five years after I saw that picture of our earth, I was no longer teaching," smiles MacGillis.

MacGillis was the keynote speaker at Gaia Centre's Friday night public talk entitled: "From the Common Ground; Laying the foundation for a Culture of Life." MacGillis also led the weekend workshop at Gaia, an event that focused on development of a culture of life based on a strategic partnership with the earth.

MacGillis is a co-founder of Genesis Farm, an ecological learning center in Blairstown, New Jersey. She remains a member of the Roman Catholic Dominican Sisters. She has replaced easel with ploughshare. Her canvas is broader now. And, most important, she has lost the capacity for complacency. MacGillis and Genesis Farm spearheaded the growth of a unique spiritual eco-movement called the "green nuns."

They are a group of women, mostly religious, occupied in a wide variety of special service. The green nuns are involved in organic and self-sustaining farming, community-supported agriculture, earth literacy programs, retreats, ecologically-motivated university extension courses, political lobbying and numerous other ministries related to sustainable ecological living. MacGillis says that her interest in this experiment of sustainable farming began shortly after the Dominicans were bequeathed 140 acres of land in New Jersey formerly known as the Red Cat Farm.

"The owners of the farm had no prior connection to the Dominican order, but we ended up with it anyway," smiles MacGillis. That was back in 1980 and the modest experiment called Genesis Farm was coaxed lovingly and gradually from the rugged soil of



Sister Miriam MacGillis, The Green Man & Gaia Centre's Carol Kilby

the New Jersey bio-system. The vision for Genesis Farm, says MacGillis, was forged out of the roiling maelstrom of confusion, greed, pollution, violence and moral angst of the seventies.

The website www.genesisfarm.org succinctly outlines their overarching vision for the future:

"Genesis Farm attempts to address the basic issues of our time in concert with other people. Here we raise serious questions about the global crises and evoke the rich spiritual insights that are already within the hearts of all people. Genesis Farm focuses on the connections between the health and sustainability of Earth itself and the health of human communities as experienced in particular bioregions."

A Vision for Sustainability

The vision is shared on a variety of levels, says MacGillis.

The ecological learning center at Genesis Farm, says MacGillis, offers a 12-week graduate certificate in Earth literacy. The Farm also offers some less intensive educational seminars. From modest beginnings and a simple agenda, the experiment has grown to phenomenon.

Genesis Farm sponsors a community-supported garden, with over 300 shareholding families. MacGillis explains that local residents and shareholders pay in advance for their produce, so the three resident farmers currently employed by Genesis Farm can be paid a better than living wage. MacGillis says that the farm is committed to paying their farmers a salary that is commensurate with the work they do and on a par with wages in other surrounding businesses. She adds that the community shares in the harvest and that all leftover produce is sent to charitable concerns in the area.

MacGillis says that the initiative has grown to encompass a community-based Foodshed Alliance, a grassroots effort

to sustain the farmers, farmland, and rural ecosystem in their region, as well as maintenance of a sustainable business network committed to building a local business infrastructure.

The Genesis Farm outreach has also spawned a new school in the area. The school goes from Kindergarten to Grade Eight and is sponsored by some of the same shareholding families that currently make up the food-sharing collective. The school now consists of about 105 children and MacGillis says that they will eventually get to an enrolment of 130 students. The school is open to all area residents and is so successful that there is a waiting list for enrolment.

She says that the operation is a template for sustainability. Genesis Farm, says MacGillis, managed to wrench itself from the state grid in 2004 with a complete conversion to solar.

"We, as humans, are coming into a new sense of realization about the meaning of existence... we are a generation being called in a deeply significant way to evolve. We are beginning to realize today that if we want life to go on, we are going to have to change," says MacGillis. From modest roots, a realization that we, as a global unit, are moving headlong on a collision course with our very existence. The bomb has dropped and the bomb is us. Not quite detonated, but the clock is ticking.

MacGillis says that we must practice a new form of living. "We are a force that the planet is not prepared to deal with," says MacGillis. Huge factory farms, feedlots and pig operations have changed the very nature of farming in the USA, says MacGillis. Genesis Farm is a response to a realization that civilization must alter course. She says that she was severely impacted when it was brought to her attention that the problem of world hunger could be wiped out if food driven to hog and feedlot operations in the USA alone were directed to third world countries. "On any given day, 500,000 people are dying of starvation and we have the capacity to feed those people with the grain that we use for feeding cattle and hogs," says MacGillis.

Genesis Farm practices biodynamic methods of agriculture. It was one of the early pioneers in converting to Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA). Along with sustainable farming, MacGillis also coordinates programs exploring the work of Thomas Berry as he has interpreted the New Cosmology.

"I have been deeply impacted by the writings of Thomas Berry," says MacGillis.

Coincidentally, MacGillis was the winner of the 2005 Thomas Berry Award, given by the Centre for Respect of Life and the Environment.

She said she was inspired when she encountered Berry's writing while immersed in the original shaping of Genesis Farm back in 1984.

"I realized that I had lived for four years at Genesis Farm and I didn't have a clue where I lived," chuckles MacGillis.

Thomas Berry as Prophet

"I wanted to learn, but had no idea where to start, so I phoned Thomas Berry," smiles MacGillis. The phone call, led to a subsequent partnership of likeminded souls. "He agreed to meet with me one Saturday every month for a year," says MacGillis. She says that she had no grounding in science when she started. "We spent the first six months on the solar system," she says. "I turned the pages but I comprehended nothing." Berry told her to persevere and directed her with gentle nurturing and assisted

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The Green Nun in Minden

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reading.

And something apparently clicked, because at the end of the year, MacGillis says she began to comprehend the concept and notion of earth as home. "Coming home to place, is coming home to self," says MacGillis. She credits Berry with providing and provoking the background for insight. It's a blueprint for a new course and a concept she now shares with the world via the website, Genesis Farm courses and seminars like the one she headed last weekend at the Gaia Centre.

Thomas Berry is a 93-year-old Passionist priest and an unlikely prophet. A philosopher credited with inspiring the green nuns movement, Berry teeters precariously on the outer fringes of the Catholic Church. He advocates things designed and destined to place him in direct confrontation with Rome and a right-handed papal agenda. For instance, Berry advocates putting the Bible on the backburner for the next 20 years so people can become conversant with the "primary scripture" of the world around us. He sees the great work of our age as the ushering of humanity to an Ecozoic era.

MacGillis subscribes wholeheartedly to Fr. Berry's manifold theses. Like Berry and the bulk of the green nuns, MacGillis sees this environmental threat to earth as larger than the church or Christianity itself.

She explains that it is incumbent for us to create a shift of consciousness from human-centeredness to a biocentric norm. She explains that we must exchange a primary preoccupation with humans for a primary concern with the total Earth. For the green nuns and Sister MacGillis, as for Fr. Berry, the world is a community of subjects all divinely related to one another.

"Berry brings wisdom to bear on what he feels we are being called to do," says MacGillis. "We are wasting trillions of dollars on war; and we're aware today of terrible economic deficits between the west and third world nations. We have learned that the post-war slogans and the images of prosperity and technology and the notion that progress was forever, were all illusions," explains MacGillis.

MacGillis drove that point home with a chilling and poignant film presentation based on writings of astronauts who, like MacGillis, were profoundly affected by the sight of the earth from the perspective of space.

In the film, the formerly censored private thoughts and writings of astronauts are chillingly interposed with pictures of the planet earth from a vantage point that only became available to our race in the 60s.

The still shots from space, coupled with the startling spiritual reminiscences of orbiting men and women, from a cross-section of nations and backgrounds, bring home in stark and vivid bas-relief the notion of planet as perilously positioned life-form.

"It takes a universe to shape the human mind," says MacGillis.

From space, we see the limitless sky of our youth, for what it really is. A wisp of a thin blue line. "We are a spaceship with a crew of six billion," says MacGillis.

"When we see earth from space it changes our perspective and we begin to realize that the things we share as human beings are far more valuable than the things which divide us."

At Genesis Farm they plant a seed.

The seed is hope. The fruit?

Quite possibly, if nurtured well, row by row... salvation. ■

Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people if they were aware of Earth Day. What will you be doing to support the cause?

Nancy Holden, Lake Miskwabi - "We recycle and compost at home. We give clothes or furniture away instead of just bringing it to the dump. I wish more people would get involved."

Wayne Smith, Haliburton - "It's a good thing. We've got to look after our planet. We've abused it for a while. I don't litter, but I don't go out of my way too much."

Ted Vasey, Ingoldsby - "I have heard of it. My family recycles more now. It's surprising what we recycle instead of throw out. I'm also using energy efficient bulbs. We need to get away from gas and invent something new for vehicles."

Mary-Ellen Comeau, Ingoldsby - "I always separate papers and put them in boxes. I feed anything I can to the birds. I think that more can be done. I think something should be done about cars and big companies. They're the ones putting out exhaust."

Alex Windsor, Haliburton - "It's about keeping the Earth clean and cutting down on pollution. I don't use energy when I'm not home. I know what to recycle because I used to work at the dump."

Stephanie Zavitz, West Guilford - "I think we just continue doing what we're doing, which is recycling God's creation."

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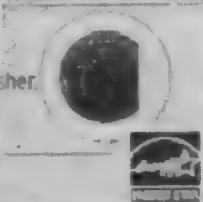
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Maija Stone "Transition"

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Now showing in the Members Gallery at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is Maija Stone's water colour paintings. The show is titled 'Transition'. There are many reasons why she gave her exhibit this title: her creative process, her life journeys, observations of nature, and the growth of her artwork itself. She adds, "Maybe it should be called In Transition, and aren't we always?"

Maija has been a member and volunteer at the Rails End Gallery for years now, and saw the application to apply for a solo exhibition in the Members Gallery in their newsletter. She saw it as her chance to take the next step with her work, another growth experience. "I am an artist with a little 'a' " Maija states humbly, "but just as a singer needs to be heard, an artist needs to have their work seen." She is very thankful to the staff at the gallery for the opportunity and their guidance through the process of setting up this show.

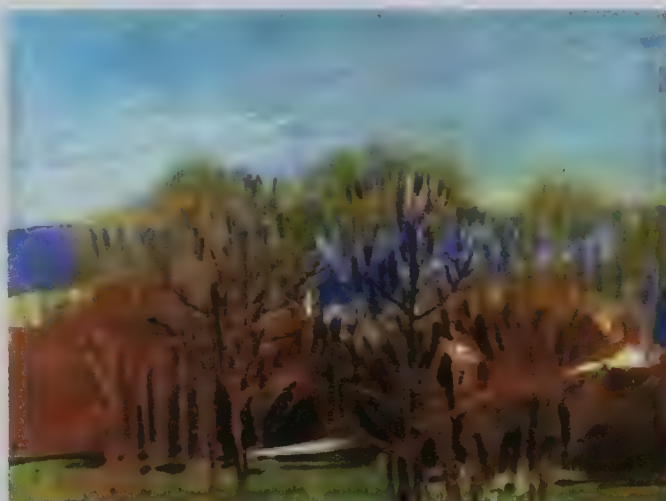
Maija's skill with a paintbrush is riveting. Having studied in various arts courses during her teaching career in Toronto, through the Haliburton School of the Arts summer intensive courses, and with the Don Valley Art Club, she has certainly developed fine technique. This body of work is a culmination of what she has created since becoming involved with the Don Valley Art Club around 1992. It's partly a retrospective, and partly about moving forward. Water colours suited Maija's naturalist lifestyle perfectly, as she is very active outdoors and they are very easy to carry and travel with. "All you need is a few colours, a couple of brushes, and a pad and you can go a long way with it!" says Maija.

Two of her paintings in the show are of frogs. When asked about the story behind them, she replied, "Oh, I'm glad you asked." The frogs were inspired by a natural catastrophe that occurred near her home on Stormy Lake. One day a 400 square foot area on the lake was covered with dead frogs.

The M.N.R. announced that there is a virus affecting frogs world-wide, particularly bull frogs like the ones on Stormy. The scene was so heart-breaking, not only because Maija is a naturalist, but also because she had three pet frogs that her grandsons had named Hop, Skip, and Jump. One of the frog paintings, 'Hop', is based on a photograph of her little pal and the other is of another threatened species from the

boreal forest. They are an example of the transitions that the environment goes through with the help of man, or without. Maija has generously donated one of these pieces to the Land Trust Fundraiser on May 31st.

The painting 'Splash' was created on a much more light-hearted note. It was during an experimental class in the summer here at the Haliburton School of the Arts. She had family visiting that week and decided to go home and have a swim with them on



her lunch break. It was so refreshing that she had trouble getting back into the routine of class-work. She wasn't really feeling all that inspired, but she put brush to canvas anyway. After a few moments she began to notice that splashing the paint on her canvas was a creative re-enactment of her lunch break! Most of Maija's work is based on the memory of a mood or emotion rather than the subject matter itself.

The next big change in Maija's work was when she started recently to work with acrylic paints on canvas. She has been working with Rose Pearson and has also taken a few life-drawing classes at the college. She feels that her next transition may be in moving from paintings that are built around a feeling to a more literal subject matter, as in exploring the human figure.

Be sure to join Maija in 'Transition' at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre before May 3rd. You can also look forward to the opening of her visitor's gallery at her home studio on Stormy Lake, called Dapplewood, sometime in early summer. ■

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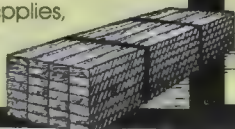
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'Free the Children' Worker Leaves HHSS Students with a Powerful Message

This past Tuesday at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) was all about getting students to take action now!

In two separate assemblies for students, Sarah Young, keynote speaker and Outreach Coordinator for Free the Children, gave an informative look at what the organization she works for is doing to help those in third world countries. She also demonstrated how easy it can be for everyone in the community to make a difference by taking even the smallest of steps.

"I grew up with a learning disability and I'm pretty sure that I wouldn't have graduated from high school or gone to university if it wasn't for volunteering," said Young in her opening remarks.

Young spoke of the ongoing injustices and extreme hardships that children in countries like Sierra Leone face everyday.

"There are children that are as young as 12-years old who are sold for \$16 to do hard child labour," she said. Young compared a scene out of the motion picture "Blood Diamond" with reality, in which workers are lined up and are asked by men with machetes whether they'd like long or short sleeves.

"They're not talking about their shirt," said Young while pointing to her arm. "They were asking them what part of the arm they would prefer to have cut. This is real stuff that actually happens."

Through the Adopt a Village program, Free the Children is working to develop and improve the Kono District in Sierra Leone, which has endured 11 years of civil conflict over the country's diamond mines. According to the Free the Children web site, over 10,000 children were forced to fight as soldiers in the diamond war. The organization has been rebuilding schools, improving the quality of drinking water and giving families alternative sources of income so they can send their children to school. The group also provides similar aid to China and Sri Lanka.

After spending five weeks in Kenya to help build houses, Young traded her life in sunny California for a job with Free the Children in Toronto. Once she found out she got the position, the young advocate said to her parents, "Guess what? I'm moving to Canada!"

Young explained to students that without their action and the actions of others, none of the great work currently being done in these countries would be possible.



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



"I know the power all of us have to make a difference in the world," said Young.

So why did the students of HHSS take part in this assembly? Well, it's because they themselves have been in the process of raising funds to donate to the Adopt a Village program so that another school can be erected in Sierra Leone.

"They've been having bake sales, guitar hero competitions, selling t-shirts..." said Jessica Lloyd, S.A.C. Staff Advisor and teacher. "Our goal is to reach \$8,000," said Lloyd.

"It's always nice when we can reach outside our community to help others," said Principal Gary Brohman to the students. "It's always better to give than receive and I know that students and staff will come together for this."

So far, students have raised over \$1000 to go towards the cause. To congratulate the student body for their efforts, teacher Dan Fockler had his beard shaved off by students Will Pentesco and Karl Kadwell at the end of the assembly. ■

Looking at Lake Planning

FOCA Holds Meeting at Fish Hatchery with Stakeholders

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Members of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) held a stakeholders meeting and information session to promote the importance of lake and land use planning on Saturday, April 19.

The purpose of this meeting held at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery was to find better ways to assist waterfront property owners in making important decisions about their lakes.

Terry Rees, Executive Director of FOCA opened up the meeting with what it is his organization does in collaboration with other groups to support sustainable lake communities. Currently, the group is involved with projects such as Cottage Watch, Docktalk and the Lake Partner Program. Through this initiative, FOCA is promoting lake stewardship and the long-term health of the environment.

Presentations at the meeting came from Dysart Planner Pat Martin, Nicole Tuyten of the HHSC, Samantha Brown of FOCA and Randy French of French Planning Services Inc.



"Lake planning is an evolution of ideas, plus they can be amended by the municipal planning authority," said Martin in her opening words. Martin then outlined some of the steps involved with creating a successful lake plan that works for everyone.

"Prepare your lake plan and involve your local council. Attend council to provide them with an update and speak with your local planning department," instructed Martin. She also pointed out that an Official Plan can't remain static. In other words, it is a document that must be reviewed every five years.



"People who know the lake the best are putting the lake plan together," said Martin. She indicates that the most valuable component of a lake plan is the stewardship programs.

"Those parts of the lake plan are extremely valuable," said Martin. These Official Plans are tailored to meet the

local needs and perspectives of the planning area. In Martin's presentation, she outlined the significance of an Official Plan and explained how they can be amended.

So what exactly is a lake management plan, you might be asking? It is a plan that helps property owners who are on lakes to recognize the unique qualities of the specific body of water they are on. A well-developed plan unites these people and creates a sustainable future for these lakes.

Lake management plans encourage partnerships between concerned lake users, citizens, municipalities, resource managers and other special interest groups. The plans also identify concerns of the people which should be addressed while setting forth realistic objectives and realistic plans of action. With all lakes being different, plans vary and are tailored to meet the needs and desires of those who live on them.

"This is a collaborative effort between FOCA and the Stewardship Council," said Samantha Brown, Lake Planning Program Coordinator. Brown has been hired on for an 18-month period to consult with waterfront property owners, lake associations and water body users.

"The demands for water stewardship are tremendous," said Brown. She added that lake plans should be developed with the support of the entire community that is on the lake. The Trillium Foundation (an agency of the Government of Ontario) has

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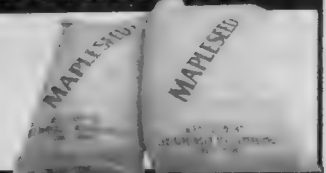


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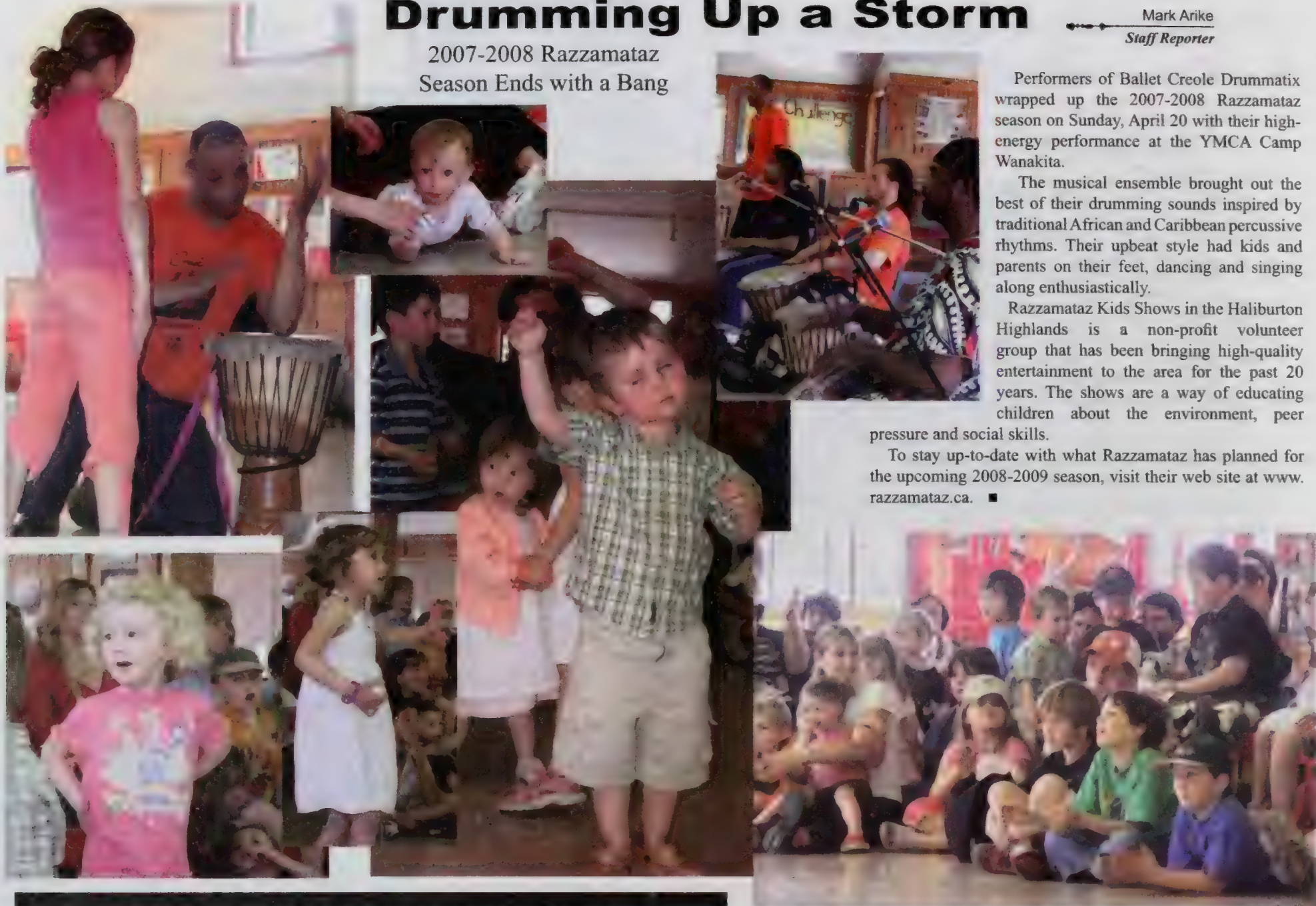
Performers of Ballet Creole Drummatix wrapped up the 2007-2008 Razzamataz season on Sunday, April 20 with their high-energy performance at the YMCA Camp Wanakita.

The musical ensemble brought out the best of their drumming sounds inspired by traditional African and Caribbean percussive rhythms. Their upbeat style had kids and parents on their feet, dancing and singing along enthusiastically.

Razzamataz Kids Shows in the Haliburton Highlands is a non-profit volunteer group that has been bringing high-quality entertainment to the area for the past 20 years. The shows are a way of educating children about the environment, peer

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To stay up-to-date with what Razzamataz has planned for the upcoming 2008-2009 season, visit their web site at www.razzamataz.ca.



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Growing Quality Garlic with Charlie, Sheila, and Friends

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Staff Reporter

Garlic lovers were stuck on cloud nine Wednesday, April 16, as they absorbed a wealth of knowledge from some of the best garlic growers in the County.

Organized by Charlie and Sheila Robb of Charlie's Organic Garlic and sponsored by the Haliburton County Farmers Association, the County's third annual garlic workshop took over the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The event - attended by 90 people - also featured garlic based foods for taste testing as well as displays and literature on how to grow great garlic. At the end of the night, garlic themed prizes were given away.

The workshop kicked off with the garlic guru himself who went into great detail about how he got started growing the product; he also happily gave up some of his secrets on how to grow the stuff.

"Three years ago was when I first started," explained Robb. "It started as a hobby, but I developed it into a business." Robb believes that more people should be growing their own garlic and other vegetables instead of spending their money on produce that comes from far away places.

"I give people the information they need to grow good garlic. With what I tell them, they won't have to go through any of the same mistakes that I made through the process," he said shortly before his presentation.

"Garlic is not hard to plant, it's hard to grow!" said Robb in his opening statement. He then went into all the details of how to plant, maintain and nurture garlic plants so that they reach their full growing potential.

Next to take the stage with their humorous antics was husband and wife team of Gail and Todd Grainger. Both garlic growers themselves, the pair showed how easy it is to make a tasty basic garlic spread using olive oil, shredded cheese and cream cheese.

"Please experiment," urged Gail. "It's one of the best

ways for coming up with the best recipes."

Other guest speakers featured at the event included local garlic growers Rick Ratcliff, John Kellett and Richard Taylor. Each local grower spoke about how they got hooked on growing garlic and what it is they do to achieve the best results.

There was no denying that those in attendance were enjoying the event. Some have had experience growing their own garlic, while others had their interests first peaked by going to the workshop.



Charlie and Sheila Robb

that the whole purpose of the workshop is to educate people on how to grow the best garlic they possibly can.

"It doesn't really take a lot of work," she said. "We want to support anyone who wants to grow it as best as we can."

To find out more about Charlie and Sheila's garlic, or to receive some start-up tips on how to grow your own patch, feel free to them a call at 705-489-4201. Or you can reach them by email at sheila.robb@sympatico.ca. ■

"It's very interesting," said Lynn Cox of Minden. "I need this motivation to start (growing)," pitched in Cox's husband Wayne. "I've sold hay to someone for them to put on their garden but I haven't grown any of my own yet," he added.

"I thought this was very good," said Louise Greene of Eagle Lake. "We just moved up here and my partner is growing a few plants of his own," she said.

Charlie's wife Sheila, who was heavily involved in the planning of the event, says



Charlie harvests his Garlic



The finished product

Lake Planning Cont'd... From pg. 13

>> funded FOCA and the HHSC to enable them to go ahead with the lake planning tool project.

"One of the most important factors in the community is engagement," said Randy French of French Planning Services Inc. "I was brought in to help take your knowledge and build a manual so that more lakes do this. Every lake plan is different," said French.

French went on to ask for ideas from those at the meeting about what sorts of items should be included in the lake planning tool for property owners to use as a guideline.

"Lake planning isn't creating anything new, but it's taking what's already out there and pushing it further," he commented.

"I'm very interested in what other specific lake plans are like," said Valerie Hunnius of Paudash Lake near Bancroft, after the meeting. "It's a very exciting process during the implementation stage." Hunnius worked with French Planning Services to come up with a plan for the lake.

Paul MacInnes, President of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association, came to the meeting to get a better grasp on lake planning and what tools are needed to make more informed decisions.

"Lake planning to us is new. We're looking to have this tool kit as a step-by-step guide where we have the information to make an excellent plan," said MacInnes. "This is another big area we need knowledge on with the municipality," he said.

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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



'Crisis of Humanity'

Food riots in several poor nations during the past month have U.N. and other officials arguing that the growing diversion of grain harvest from food to ethanol fuel is causing a global food crisis. "The reality is that people are dying already," said Jacques Diouf, of the Food and Agriculture Organization. Global food prices have jumped 83 percent over the past three years as the world's main agricultural producers shifted their focus to biofuels. Indian Finance Minister P. Chidambaram has called on industrial nations to cut off all subsidies for such alternative energy production, and to focus on providing food to the developing world. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, head of the International Monetary Fund, says a growing number of government ministers have labeled the impact of biofuels as a "crisis of humanity." U.N. statistics say that the amount of corn it takes to produce 11 gallons of ethanol can feed a child for an entire year.

Volcanoes

Thousands of people fled their homes in western Colombia as Nevado del Huila volcano erupted with a shower of hot ash that fell on nearby houses and farms. Hundreds in the village of Belalcazar on the Rio Paez rushed to high ground amid fears the eruption could melt the volcano's snowcap and send a flow of water and mud cascading down its slopes. Eruptions of Nevado del Huila last year were its first on record since the mid-16th century.

Residents in eastern Indonesia's North Maluku province were on alert as Mount Ibu spewed thick smoke for days. Government geologists determined that the rumbling mountain posed no threat of explosive eruption.

New Oldest Tree

Swedish scientists say they have discovered a tree that is nearly 10,000 years old, making it the oldest living tree ever discovered on the planet. Leif Kullman, professor of physical geography at Umea University, said the 9,950-year-old spruce on Fulu Mountain is one of three trees determined to be older than the "Methuselah" tree in Southern California, which had previously been believed to be the world's oldest at between 4,500 and 5,000 years in age. Wood pieces around the spruces have the identical genetic signature as the tree growing above them, and carbon dating of the old tree fragments show they range from 5,660 and 9,550 years in age. Kullman said the trees survive harsh climates by growing for centuries as bushes near the ground. But he said climate warming over the past few decades has caused them to send up trunks that look like they have "popped up like mushrooms in the soil."

Malodorous Invader

A Southeast Asia agricultural pest with an extremely unpleasant aroma has invaded Europe for the first time on record. Swiss officials warned fruit farmers that the brown marmorated stink bug had been detected on eight different varieties of plants around Zurich. The bug, which measures about a half-inch in length, attacks the fruit and leaves of apple, cherry, plum and apple trees. Agricultural officials believe it may have arrived in Switzerland on imported ornamental plants from Asia. The bug gets its name from its ability to emit a vile odor from its abdomen as a defense against being eaten by birds and lizards.

Typhoon Season

The season's first tropical cyclone in the northwestern Pacific basin this year formed from an area of disturbed weather over the western Philippines. Typhoon Neoguri was taking aim on China's island province of Hainan late in the week as a Category-2 storm.

Earthquakes

An Italian wine-growing area just to the east of Rome was lightly shaken by a 3.8 magnitude earthquake and minor aftershocks. No damage was reported.

Earth movements were also felt in Bulgaria, southern New Zealand, coastal Peru, the Aleutian Islands and parts of Guatemala and El Salvador.

Plant Morality

A Swiss federal committee raised eyebrows in both the scientific and religious communities by professing that plants deserve respect, and that killing them arbitrarily is morally wrong. In a report on "the dignity of the creature in the plant world," the Ethics Committee on Non-Human Biotechnology condemned the decapitation of flowers without reason. But, committee member Bernard Baertschi conceded that the sheer pleasure a human might get from picking the petals off a daisy could be reason enough to make it morally justified. The report stipulates that "all action involving plants in the aim to conserve the human species is morally justified." Only a minority of the group's members said they objected to patenting plants, with the majority ruling the action did not infringe on "their moral value."

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Local Man Turns 95

Surprise Party Brings Tears of Joy to Harold Cox

When Harold Cox showed up to the Peppermill on Saturday, April 19, he thought that he'd be going out for a simple lunch date with friend Betty Dicker. But to his astonishment, four generations of his nieces and nephews from Ottawa and Sarnia were there to throw him a surprise party for his 95th birthday.

Though his actual date of birth was on Wednesday, April 23, friends and family came out a few days early to help him celebrate.

Cox, who was born in 1913 in Euphemia Township (between Sarnia and London), grew up during a time at which there was no hydro and people regularly rode on horse and buggy. He also lived through the First World War and served in the R.C.A.F. during World War Two.

He eventually went on to become an entrepreneur and ended up owning an IGA grocery store in Stoney Creek where he was an active member of the community. As well as being a businessman, Cox was involved in politics in Stoney Creek. He received many volunteer awards including Citizen of the Year, the Canadian Award for Non-Profit Housing Corporation and a life honorary membership in the Corporation.

Cox first discovered the Haliburton Highlands when he decided to take a trailer holiday over 50 years ago. In the early 1950's he purchased his first cottage in the County.

After falling in love with the area, he purchased and sold a few cottages to take better advantage of the beautiful lakes. Once he retired in 1996, he moved out of Stoney Creek and became a permanent resident of Haliburton County.

Recently, he moved into the Hyland Crest facility where he enjoys spending his time playing bridge and talking politics. ■



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Lyn Winans

Remember all those buttons and levers on Dad's truck? You know, the ones you weren't supposed to touch? Well things have changed folks!

The Ontario Early Years Center in Minden had a Mega Machine Day on Saturday, and the kids got to check out all those grownup gadgets that always seemed so magical and elusive.

Tom Prentice & Sons and Minden Hills Rent-All supplied some big machines for the kids to climb into and investigate. The youngsters soon forgot about the gaggle of dads standing protectively at every door and possible escape route, and they took up their roles as contractors, hard hats included. Who knows where their minds took the excavator, loader and other machinery? Rumour had it that Tom was scouting future operators.

Although the Mega Machines were the highlight of the day, they certainly weren't the only activity at the Center. Doug Stephen wowed the young engineers with his electric trains, complete with a replica engine of the "Haliburton 2616".

When the kids were finished with the mechanized megas and the railyard, there was no shortage of crafts and toys to keep them busy. Bubbles were a big hit, as were the various art activities.

After a hard day's work in the gravel pit, there weren't any complains about the pizza lunch either. ■

Minden Medical Situation Revisited

Minden Practice Will Not be Covered by Haliburton Doctors

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Minden's only full time doctor now says that locum assistance from physicians in Haliburton to cover his practice while he is away is not an option.

"I have been under a lot of pressure recently and I need to make a correction," said Dr Bennet Wu, who will be taking a three-month leave from his busy practice from May 1 to August 1.

Last week, the Voice reported that medical staff from Haliburton would be able to fill in at his practice for three days out of the normal Monday to Friday workweek.

"I sincerely apologize, I was just told that there was no way they could cover my practice for the three months," Wu said, last Friday morning.

Wu said there had been negotiations with Haliburton about some form of locum assistance, but explained that he has since been informed Haliburton could not agree to cover the practice. Wu said that he had made the announcement before those negotiations had closed.

"They can't cover and indicated that there was no way they could cover three days a week," said Wu, who added that they still do not have a locum on site. "I would like to apologize to everyone involved," said Wu.

The Minden Medical Clinic has been running an ad for a locum to cover the three-month period, but, thus far, the two responses they have received are from medical residents who are not fully qualified. The two applicants would need to be supervised by a qualified doctor. Dr. Wu is the only doctor currently on staff at the Minden Medical Clinic.

Wu said that if a locum is not found by May 1st, most of his patients who need emergency or crucial medical care would be funnelled to other centres.

"My patients will probably be forced to go to the Minden Emergency or to walk-in clinics in Haliburton or in another area," said Wu. A team of out-of-town doctors currently staffs the Minden ER.

Wu is taking the three-month hiatus for personal reasons. He said that his wife Donna is expecting to be scheduled for back surgery at some point during that time frame.

The Voice would also like to apologize for the error. ■

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Starting a Church – From Scratch

Pastor Ron Mahler heads Highlands Community Church

“How do you speak of your knowledge of God?”

Stephen Patrick
Editor

“Church”. For many of us even the word itself is a little intimidating, conjuring images of large established buildings with tall ceilings, a quiet, respectful atmosphere, serious

music, and a pastor or priest to look after weddings, funerals, and baptisms with appropriately sombre authority. But for Pastor Ron Mahler, the ‘Church’ means “a place that is alive, joyous, friendly and relevant to people’s lives.”

Pastor Mahler and his wife and partner Elaine established the Highland Lakes Community Church last summer: the small, but growing congregation of 50 meets every Sunday at 10:30 am at the Minden Community Centre for worship and Sunday School. So how do you start up a church from scratch, particularly in a community which certainly doesn’t lack for churches?

Pastor Mahler’s congregation is affiliated with the Associated Gospel Churches (AGC), a contemporary evangelical branch of Christianity that is Bible centred, and whose theology is not far removed from most contemporary Baptist teachings.

Ron is a graduate of the Ontario Bible College, and has just been ordained as a pastor with the AGC. “The AGC demands you have not only your theological degree, but have also demonstrated a minimum of two years in service in the ministry. After your initial acceptance as a pastor, you’re put through a three-hour grilling – and believe me that’s the right word – by the Doctrine and Credentials group. This was one of the most emotionally, intellectually, and even physically exhausting three hours I’ve ever spent – but I survived, and I’m very proud of my ordination.”



Ron Mahler was born and spent his early childhood in the tiny Isle Madame, Cape Breton, community of Arichat in a Catholic family home. And if you’re wondering about the name, yes, he is a great-great nephew of

the German classical composer Gustav Mahler. His family moved to Ontario when he was seven: as he grew up he became a member of the Nazarene Church in Markham, and by 1993 he felt “the unmistakable call to the Ministry, and I knew the road that was ahead for me.” A few years later he met Elaine, also a Bible College graduate, and they married in June of 1997. He and Elaine were members of the Rouge River Community Church serving with Pastor Laird Crump, ‘a mentor, pastor, and visionary,’ who believed deeply in the role of small community churches.

In 2003 Ron became interim pastor at the West Guilford Baptist Church and a year later performed the same function for the Gospel Lighthouse in Haliburton, and then at the Minden Bible Church (also an AGC church). But soon he and Elaine had determined that there was “a great need for a contemporary AGC church in Haliburton County. I began to believe strongly that there was a lack of relevancy surrounding issues of faith – what does it mean to have faith today, how do we perceive a church’s role in the community, and how do you speak of your knowledge of God? I wanted a church where the services were alive with lots of music, drama, multi-media, skits, drums, keyboards, and energy!”

So last August Ron and Elaine rented a meeting room at the Minden Community Centre and invited the public to come: the response was immediate and deeply gratifying to the Mahlers. “It was as if people were just waiting for this to happen,” says Ron, and Elaine adds that “the demographics were also really encouraging, with young families leading the way.” The AGC matches the church’s local financial support (which is entirely from tithes, or membership donation) for the first few years, but eventually each church must be self-supporting. The Mahlers also hope to enlist the support of another, well-established church to help them out until they’re self-sufficient. This summer they expect to expand their congregation to at least 100: they still have cottagers from last summer keeping up their membership, and their tithes.

“We want a church where people can get up and get a coffee



in the middle of the service, if they wish,” says Pastor Mahler, with a grin. “We want them to be able to ask questions: one day we might even divide the congregation into groups, each at a roundtable, to discuss their faith and how to get that faith out into our community. And we want to extend a really warm and friendly welcome to anyone who wants to come and join us.”

You can reach Pastor Mahler at 705 455-9558, or the church’s administrator, Don Smith, at 705 489-1732. ■

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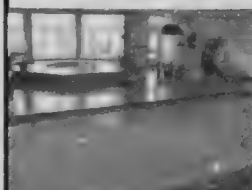
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“I mostly take digital pictures, but I kind of miss having a photo album. Well, I made one, of sorts: I keep the photos sorted on my computer by month and year anyway, so I just printed out a ‘contact sheet’ for each month. It’s a collection of thumbnail-size photos, and I put them in a three-ring binder. When I am looking for a particular photo or looking for inspiration for a scrapbooking project, I browse the book.” -- C.T. in Montana

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Life in the Carden Plain

President of the Carden Field Naturalists visits Haliburton

Insects, birds and plant life can be found all across Canada's beautiful countryside. But do you know what life awaits you at the Carden Plain Alvar in the city of Kawartha Lakes between Lake Simcoe and Balsam Lake?

On Tuesday, April 15 at the Haliburton Museum, the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists (HHFN) group welcomed guest speaker David Holmer, President of the Carden Field Naturalists.

"What I'm interested in is birds and why certain birds make Carden Alvar home," began Holmer. But before dipping into the birds section of his presentation, Holmer gave a brief history lesson on the formation of planet Earth and explained just what alvar is.

"Large barren limestone is known as alvar. It is a Swedish word that means 'love and limestone'." According to Holmer, Scandinavia and Estonia are the only other places in the world that have significant amounts of alvar.

The Carden Plain was formed when calcareous remains of billions of sea creatures settled to the bottom of warm tropical waters hundreds of millions of years ago. These creatures gradually became compressed into the resulting layers of limestone.

These alvars are made up of little or no soil, which makes for sparse vegetation. This unique and rare habitat supports rare plant and animal life not often found in other habitats.

"It takes a special plant to live in those (alvars)," said Holmer. He added that there are very low shrubs and trees in these areas. "The plants are very distinctive. Many of them require in-depth study because they haven't been found anywhere else." Holmer says that it's one of the richest areas for plants, with 430 vascular plants.

It is the bird and insect life that makes the alvar an attractive area to so many.

"There's a far higher concentration of insects than you'd find in most places," said Holmer. "We have very interesting birds as well." Holmer said that 238 species of bird have been identified in the area. Some of these bird species include: the Osprey, Yellow Rail, Short-eared Owl and the Black Tern. The wetlands also attract butterflies and dragonflies. There are 75 species of butterflies and 67 species of dragonflies.

Though this vast grassland ecosystem has attracted many bird watchers, botanists and naturalists, it has also led to widespread amounts of quarrying.

"Today there are a number of quarries extracting millions of metric tons of limestone," said Holmer. "We do need the stuff (limestone), but it's important we maintain a balance between quarrying and the environment." According to the Carden Plain IBA website, quarries own approximately 13 per cent of the Carden Plain area and are still trying to expand.

Holmer is just one guest speaker in a set of many that the HHFN has welcomed. The HHFN consists of a group of individuals interested in nature and nature-related subjects. The not-for-profit organization meets monthly in the Haliburton Museum and brings out a guest speaker to each gathering. To find out more about the group and on how you can join, visit their web site at www3.sympatico.ca/hhfn/.

Algonquin Highlands Presents Big Red... the Planet Saver

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Helping to save the planet is getting even easier in Algonquin Highlands. BIG RED, a custom built receptacle for disposable

batteries, compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs and printer cartridges, was introduced to the community on Earth Day. It seems appropriate that BIG RED would be officially unveiled on the day that celebrates the Earth and our environment. This innovative program is aimed at encouraging residents to keep hazardous waste out of the landfill sites. Even better, for those living in Algonquin Highlands, it's free!

While the items being accepted for deposit in BIG RED can also be disposed of on Household Hazardous Waste Day events throughout the year, this eye catching red box is presently located at the Maple Lake Landfill, next to the Reuse building. And within the next couple of weeks, another unit will be set up at the Dorset Landfill. Both units will be available for disposal of all single use disposable batteries, cell phones, CFL bulbs and inkjet or laser jet printer cartridges all year round.

BIG RED is the brainchild of Gail Short, the municipality's Waste Recycling Coordinator. She and Brian Wetstone, Manager of Operations, along with other staff worked as a group to develop the program.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison commended staff on the initiative saying, "Every little bit helps!" Council took an opportunity for a photo shoot and christened BIG RED at the Municipal Office last week during their Council meeting and Harrison made the first deposit of batteries and old cell phones.

BIG RED is easy to use, comes with directions and even provides baggies for deposits.



Here are some eye-opening facts about single use and disposable batteries that are included in the BIG RED Fact Sheet. In 2004, Canadians purchased over 430 million single use batteries. About 78% of these were discarded. By 2010 sales of single use batteries are expected to rise to 620.6 million. All of them contain toxic substances, but some batteries have a chemistry that becomes even more dangerous when mixed with regular trash. According to Environment Canada, "Batteries account for a disproportionate amount of the toxic heavy metals contained in municipal solid waste." And while household batteries only contribute an estimated 1% to landfill trash, they are responsible for up to 70% of the heavy metals found there.

As it says in the BIG RED flyer "Saving the planet has never been so easy!" The flyer, emblazoned with super heroes, also urges local residents to "Help Save the Planet from Heavy Metals and Other Evil Toxins." Every little bit really does help, so why not gather up your old batteries and printer cartridges, accept the fact that your old cell phone will never work again, and check BIG RED out. ■

Puppets Teach Kids About Hygiene

Students from Marie-Lee Zahab's Kindergarten class learned all about the correct hand-washing techniques on Thursday, April 10.

Puppeteer performers from "A Point in Time" were on-hand at Stuart Baker Elementary School with their educational form of entertainment. Shelley King, Director of the play for Point in Time, along with Grade 12 student Laura Voiccy, put on the show for a total of four classes at the school.

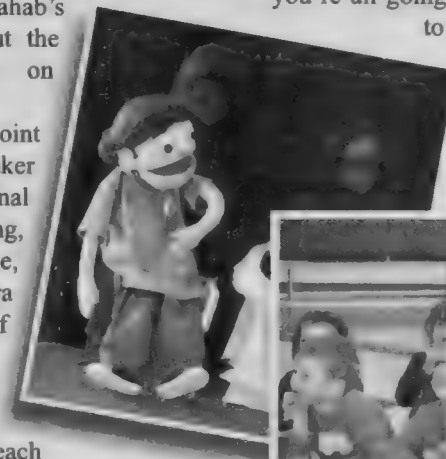
The group uses volunteers and incorporates the well-known Japanese Bunraku style of puppetry into each performance. They do this by dressing in black which makes them invisible when standing against a black background.

Following their skit, King had the kids participate in an interactive hand-washing activity.

"I'm going to put Glitterbug potion on your hands, then

you're all going to wash off your hands and we're going to use a black light to see if you have any of the fake germs left on your hands," she told the students.

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Duchene, Hodgson Lead Canada to Gold Medal Match

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Sports Editor

A dynamic duo, with roots set deep in hardscrabble furrows of Highlands' soil, are flourishing on an international stage.

Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene were one-two in Team Canada scoring as the National Under 18 squad prepared for a reset match against the Russian Nationals on Wednesday.

The Russians are led by top-five NHL draft prospect Nikita Filitov. Hodgson is picked to go as high as seventh in the first round of the NHL entry draft. Duchene's draft year is 2009.

Buckle your seatbelts draft lottery fans. Things change mightily and quickly at tournaments of this stature. Rumors emanating from Kazan say that scouts outnumber fans at this Russian spring fling. Hyperbole aside, suffice to say that all available NHL scouts are perched high in various and vacant catbird seats, pens, paper and cell phones in hand.

Nice to know then that Hodgson, Duchene and the rest of Team Canada couldn't give a lick. They came here to win a tournament.

A beautiful thing. Youngsters oblivious to the whim of the buck, playing hockey for the sheer joy of it all.

Hodgson, the Team Canada captain, had two goals and seven assists to lead all Canadian scorers with nine points in the six games leading up to yesterday's gold medal tilt.

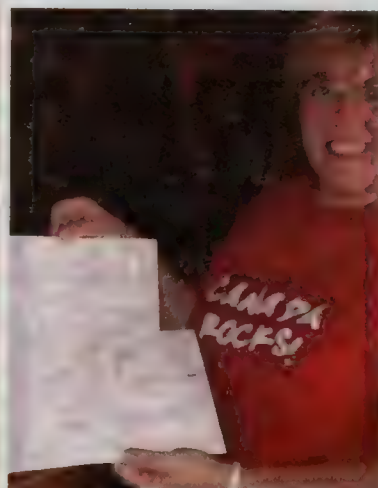
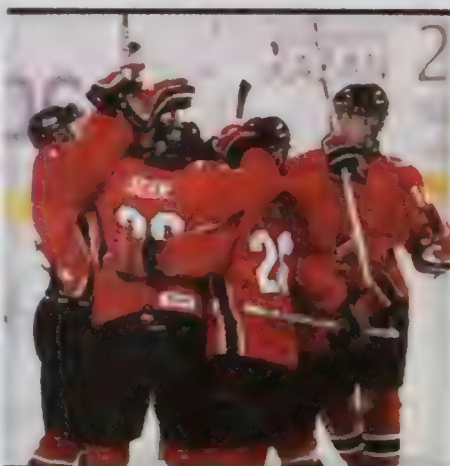
Duchene had five goals and three assists heading into Wednesday's gold medal tilt, tying him with another underage Canadian phenom Taylor Hall for second place in team scoring. Hall, just 16, had three goals and five assists in his six game trek to the final.

Duchene's five goals tied for the overall tournament goal-scoring lead through the semi-final round.

Duchene and Hodgson are teammates on the OHL's Brampton Battalion and became available for the tourney when Barrie Colts ousted a heavily favored Battalion squad in the first round.

They say a door opens as another shuts. Never truer in the case of Hodgson and Duchene, who moved from desolation to redemption in the narrow corridor of opportunity which presented itself when Head Coach Pat Quinn and Hockey Canada placed calls to the two Haliburton pals.

Both players grew up in the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association, making first strides on the ice of Haliburton's Dysart et al Arena. Both players started early. They were four-years-old when they first laced 'em and fired deft pre-school wristers into the weathered Dysart et



al Arena boards.

Hodgson one year ahead of Duchene, left for Markham in his teens, but he still spends the greater part of his summers up here in the Highlands at the family cottage. For Duchene, the early round exit from the OHL playdowns allowed him to come back to Haliburton to finish off his high school semester. Both players have been thrust into a national spotlight and, as this tourney moves to climax, both are coping with the mega-kilowatt glare. Credit sound hockey roots, good family and no small degree of what the scouts like to call, 'the smarts.'

The Canadians lost 4-2 to the Russians in the preliminary round last Wednesday (April 16). Duchene had a goal and Hodgson assisted on a power play marker in that contest.

Canada led 2-1, midway through the second period, but fell prey to some defensive lapses which resulted in

three unanswered Russian goals. The Russians went on to finish the preliminary round with an unblemished 4-0 record earning a bye into the semi finals of the qualifying round.

"We played well for the first 10 minutes (of the second period), and then things started to change," said Canadian head coach Pat Quinn. "We were playing with patience and had good positioning, and then the Russians started to win the one-on-one battles... We had to rely on

our goaltender, and ended up beating ourselves."

The Canadian squad made a statement in their final game of the preliminary round robin, beating Slovakia 6-0 last Friday.

Duchene scored three goals in that contest, surely a confidence-boosting breakout game for this sure-handed sniper. Hodgson scored the first goal and eventual game-winner.

"Today was an outstanding effort by our team," Duchene said following the win. "All three lines played very well, and our goalie was solid."

That game set up the quarterfinal crossover tilt with the talented Finns on Sunday.

Hodgson scored the winning goal in the second period and the Canadians emerged with a very tight 2-1 win over Finland. Canadian goaltender Jake Allen, of Fredericton, N.B., had another stellar game, making 35 saves and pulling the game from the fire on numerous occasions.

"It wasn't pretty, but good teams find ways to win," said Hodgson in the post game press conference. "We're fortunate we pulled that one out today. Our goaltender has been unbelievable during this championship and had a strong game again today," said Hodgson, who was named Most Valuable Player for Canada.

On Monday morning in a semi final tilt against Sweden, the dynamic duo showed mettle on ice once again. Duchene broke in on the right wing to tie things at one in the first. It was an important goal, coming just 37 seconds after Sweden's goal and at a time when Sweden looked to be carrying the bulk of the play.

Sweden would go up one more time in the second, before the triple threat tandem of Hall, Hodgson and Jordan Eberle took matters in hand.

Hall scored two power play goals including the winner with just over ten minutes remaining in the third. Hodgson and Eberle assisted on both markers and Hodgson was also instrumental in a pivotal penalty-killing role, as the all-Russian officiating crew did their best to remove any and all flow from the game.

"We moved the puck pretty well on the power play," Hall said at the post game presser. "We killed all nine penalties, and guys did things for the team and not from themselves, giving 100 per cent. It was a good team effort."

Left unsaid was the absolutely unflinching play in goal by the sturdy Maritimer Allen. He literally stoned the Swedes in the late going with their goalie pulled in favor of the extra man.

Allen did not allow a rebound in the final two minutes, soft pads and sure hands stifling several Swedish scoring chances.

"The Swedish team came on really strong early," said Canadian head coach Pat Quinn.

"We were emotional early in the game and perhaps those emotions were sort of an Achilles heel for us, distracting us for a while. Fortunately, we calmed down and we played well." ■

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Winch-Boarding the Gull

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There was a strange contraption on the banks of the Gull River in Minden last Friday evening which turned out to be a custom built winch, cleverly created by Ryan McDougall. Powered by a 6.5 hp Briggs & Stratton engine and armed with 600 feet of Dacron rope and the centrifugal clutch from a go-cart, the plan was for Ryan to wake-board the Gull courtesy of the power supplied by this odd winch unit.

In the past, the setup had apparently worked well on the snow, but the water's drag and the river's current proved to be more of a challenge for the "winch-boarder".

After several short-lived and very chilly rides, Ryan and his mentor, Dave Howell, concluded that some creative fine-tuning was required. As seems to happen with most important and momentous inventions, it was "back to the drawing board" for the time being.

According to a reliable source, modifications are under way at a secret location, and Ryan promises to return for another ride in the near future. Count on the Voice to keep you posted. ■

Super Crossword SIMPLE MATH

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- 1 "That was a close one!"
- 5 Horror-film extras
- 9 E-junk?
- 13 Football team
- 19 Troubadour's instrument
- 20 Each
- 21 Holy headgear
- 22 Fill with fizz
- 23 Taj town
- 24 West. alliance
- 25 Like — of bricks
- 26 Cheese-maker's need
- 27 Start of a remark
- 31 Busy bug
- 32 Initials of interest?
- 33 Snuggled up
- 37 Iraqi city
- 40 — de deux
- 42 Requirements
- 45 Bristol brew
- 46 Chalky cheese
- 47 Tidied the terrace
- 49 Word form for "bird"
- 51 Compete
- 52 Hotelier Helmsley
- 54 Take in, perhaps

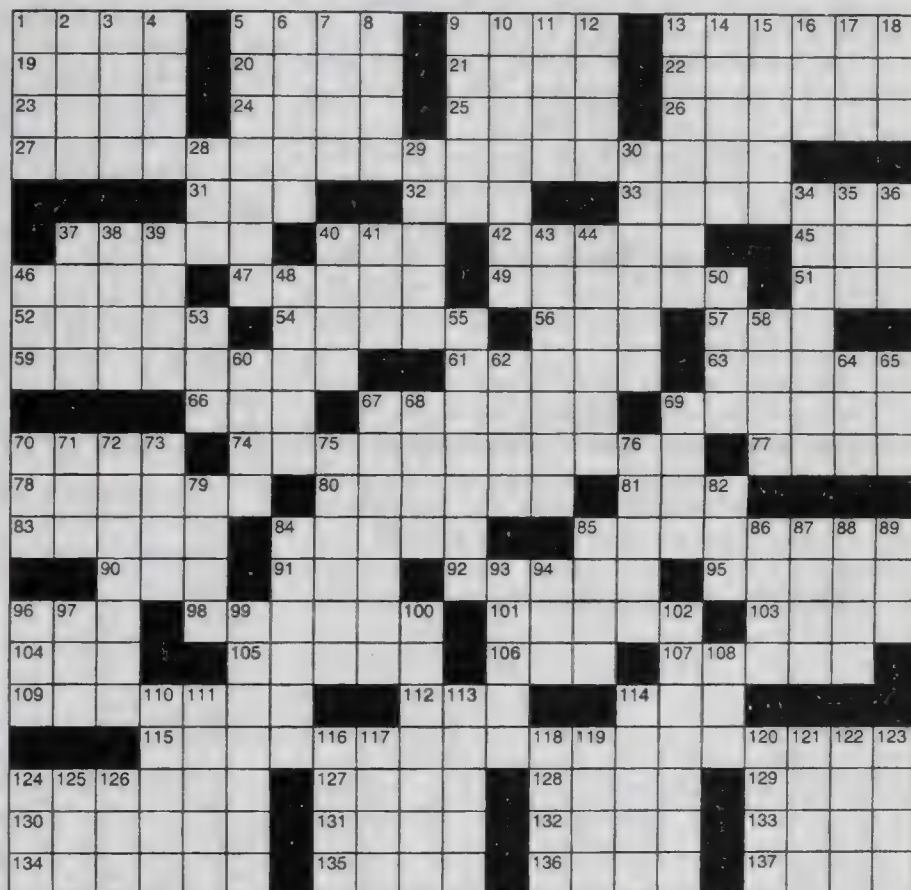
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- 57 Fury
- 59 Part 2 of remark
- 61 Standish's stand-in
- 63 Day or Duke
- 66 Foreman's fortes
- 67 French port
- 69 Rap session?
- 70 Dry run
- 74 Part 3 of remark
- 77 Encounter
- 78 Diva Maria
- 80 Plaza Hotel kid
- 81 Ewe said it!
- 83 Massenet opera
- 84 Mistreat
- 85 Part 4 of remark
- 90 Diocese
- 91 Fix a fight
- 92 Spartan self
- 95 Pith helmet
- 96 Make lace
- 98 They're out of this world
- 101 Early emancipator
- 103 TV's "The Twilight —"
- 104 Kimono closer
- 105 Snowy bird
- 106 Relative of -ator

- 107 Mad general?
- 109 Duncan's murderer
- 112 Olive product
- 114 Tighten the tent
- 115 End of remark
- 124 "On the Waterfront" star
- 127 Gymnast Korbut
- 128 Plunder
- 129 Carry out orders
- 130 Conifer
- 131 Singer Campbell
- 132 Frank or Francis
- 133 Forsaken
- 134 Ringed orbiter
- 135 Manuscript enc.
- 136 Pilsner
- 137 — ranch

- 8 Primer pooch
- 9 Like some cheddar
- 10 Coaching legend
- 11 Burn remedy
- 12 Cadfael, for one
- 13 Fervent
- 14 Yorkshire city
- 15 Surrealist Max
- 16 Hefflin or Cliburn
- 17 When Paris sizzles
- 18 Badminton divider
- 28 Bend someone's — (yak)
- 29 Dispatch
- 30 Delhi denizen
- 34 Shirley's sidekick
- 35 Ransom — Olds
- 36 Scottish river
- 37 Complaint
- 38 Perched on
- 39 Rational kicker
- 40 Brazilian
- 41 Address abbr.
- 43 Learned
- 44 Snare
- 46 Mr. Ziegfeld

- 48 "America's Most Wanted" host
- 50 Conceal
- 53 NASA affirmative
- 55 English explorer
- 58 Wander
- 60 Greenhouse items
- 62 Miss
- 64 "— Station Zebra" ('68 film)
- 65 Salon request
- 67 Toilet water
- 68 Ever's partner
- 69 Mikita or Musial
- 70 Pt. of the whole
- 71 Team scream
- 72 Stretchy
- 73 Ballet movement
- 75 More mysterious
- 76 Diminish
- 79 Disoriented
- 82 Tread the boards
- 84 Flying brother
- 85 Price
- 86 Gloppy
- 87 "Once — a midnight dreary ..."

- 88 Hawaii's state bird
- 89 Place-kicker's prop
- 93 Zola or Griffith
- 94 Rock's — Lobos
- 96 Hen's hubby
- 97 "The — Daba Honeymoon" ('14 song)
- 99 Disappoint
- 100 Silly trio
- 102 Fall fashion
- 108 FBI employee
- 110 Swahili, e.g.
- 111 Witch's home
- 113 Pointless
- 114 Conversation piece?
- 116 Grabs all the goodies
- 117 Post Wilcox
- 118 Thick slice
- 119 Actor Franchot
- 120 Winter woe
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- 122 Dweeb
- 123 Actress Daly
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Algonquin Highlands and County Add Support to Uranium Moratorium

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The requests for a moratorium on uranium mining are mounting throughout the County. Yesterday County Council passed a resolution supporting the request for an immediate moratorium on uranium prospecting, mining, exploration and associated activities. The resolution also asks the Ontario Government and Premier Dalton McGuinty to conduct a comprehensive review of the Mining Act. The request being made is to leave the moratorium in place until all environmental and health related issues associated with uranium activity are resolved.

Last Thursday, the Algonquin Highlands Council became the 17th Municipality in Ontario to request a moratorium on uranium mining. Earlier in the week Dysart Council passed the same resolution. Their decisions came on the heels of the Municipality of Highlands East taking a stand about uranium mining and exploration on April 8th and requesting the support of other municipalities in Haliburton County.

One of the primary concerns voiced by residents in the County and in particular in the Highlands East area is about the current system where sub-surface rights of mineral claims dominate the surface rights of private landowners.

At the Algonquin Highlands meeting Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "I don't know enough about uranium mining itself to know exactly where to sit." She added, however, that as the request was coming from a sister municipality, she felt the Council should lend their support. Harrison said the moratorium would delay further activity until everyone concerned could be certain that the right thing is being done.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said their Council would be looking for the same level of support from the other municipalities in the County if it was happening in Algonquin Highlands. For the Algonquin Highlands Council it was that simple. The vote was unanimous to lend their support to Highlands East and a resolution was passed requesting the moratorium.

The decision to support the request by Highlands East got a bit tougher when it got to the County level yesterday. Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton told the County Council that after passing it a question had come up about part of the resolution. He said a concern had been raised at their meeting this week that the resolution could be interpreted as meaning a moratorium on all open pit mining which could include pits and quarries as well. Burton said this had not been the intent of Highlands East.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis stood up and said that he had not supported the resolution in Dysart and could not in good faith support it at the County level either. Davis said, "It may be the right thing for the right reason, but I have insufficient information to vote on this in an educated way." Davis also said that to him it was clear the original resolution made

some assumptions that all open pit mining was unhealthy. He said that had influenced his decision not to support it.

Gardner said he had looked at the original resolution and he felt it all pertained to uranium, not gravel pits or quarries. Gardner said the resolution was specific enough and he was happy to support it.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie referred County Council to an article in the Bancroft Times. Mackie said that one of the co-founders of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining & Exploration) who had worked on the original Highlands East resolution was quoted as saying that Highlands East was actually in opposition to any type of open pit mining. Mackie said he had a problem with that, saying that by definition

open pit mining could be a quarry. Mackie read out the relevant section of the resolution which did not include any reference to uranium. Gardner commented that the section Mackie was referring to was simply asking for a review of the Mining Act.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "There is legislation in place that controls the operations of pits and quarries." Fearrey thought the resolution was specific enough not to be concerned.

Warden Eleanor Harrison finally called for a vote on the resolution to settle the matter. The resolution carried with two dissenting votes coming from Mackie and Davis. ■

Feasibility Study for Cardiff Multi-Use Arts & Recreation Facility Gets Support

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

With a little bit of luck and a lot of support Cardiff might have a Multi-Use Arts & Recreation Facility in the heart of their community one day. A number of stakeholder groups in Cardiff have taken the bull by the horns in efforts to reach this goal and they've done a lot of work so far. They've prepared a detailed proposal to conduct a feasibility study for the project and approached Highlands East Council looking for support. And this week they got it.

Heather Kauffeldt, representing the Cardiff Elementary School Council, made a presentation to Council on Tuesday. Kauffeldt said the Haliburton County Development Corporation is prepared to fund a feasibility study for the arts and recreation facility as a community capacity building project. The study will also investigate the feasibility of attaching a straw bale construction building to the Elementary School.

In addition to the Cardiff Elementary School Council and the Highlands East Municipal Council, project partners will include the Cardiff Community Association, Cardiff Wee Care Child Care Centre, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, HKPR Health Unit, Fleming College, Caring for Kids in Cardiff Action Group, Point in Time, Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, U-Links and a number of community members at large. Each organization will be asked to put a member forward to serve on a Steering Committee.

The School Council's proposal suggests that Cardiff may be poorly served as they teeter on the edge of Haliburton County but are outside of Bancroft's catchment area. Access to sports facilities means a lot of traveling and in the case of some Bancroft organizations there is a surcharge to Cardiff residents as they come from outside of the County.

It is hoped that with this facility, the community can provide incentive to help boost Cardiff school enrollment instead of people opting to send their children to Bancroft in order to participate in more after school and school

"I'm proud to be part of a community that is involved in this type of initiative."

Suzanne Partridge

based physical activities. In addition the facility is intended to enhance overall community based recreational and social activities for residents of all ages.

Kauffeldt said the project is intended to be as green as possible. Fleming College has agreed to work in conjunction with the project group to build a 3000 square foot straw bale building. She said, "The building will be engineered with additional beams to allow it to be more than just a gym. We have discussed engineering with Fleming College and want to look at the possibility of using old barn beams and re-using whatever material possible."

The feasibility study is expected to be completed by the end of March 2009. It is hoped that the study will recommend proceeding to the next level. That would entail seeking funding to undertake architectural and engineered drawings and working with Fleming's Sustainable Building Design and Construction Program. In any event, Kauffeldt says the School Council is committed to undertaking whatever the next steps are in efforts to make the multi-use facility a reality.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "I'm proud to be part of a community that is involved in this type of initiative." Council was in full agreement with these sentiments and passed a resolution unanimously supporting the initiative. ■

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Relay for Life Revs Up

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

The statistics are bleak, desolate and deeply disturbing. This year approximately 166,400 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer and about 73,800 will die from the disease.

The five-year relative survival rate for all cancers combined is 62 percent. Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death for men and women.

Almost 40 percent of Canadian women and almost 45 percent of men will develop cancer during their lifetimes. About 24 percent of women and almost 29 percent of men, or approximately one out of every four Canadians, will die from cancer.

It's tough to peer through an all-encompassing cloud of grief and pooled pain and pull some semblance of silver strands from that insipid, stern shroud.

Cancer envelops our mores. It has poured itself indelibly upon the pastiche of our modern culture. The name itself ushers fear, dread, and a ubiquitous and overriding awe.

But with every survivor; with every family that faces the demon and watches a loved one or a friend or a relative come through this treatment or that procedure; with every breakthrough; we are slowly collecting our silver threads. The ball of yarn blossoms and grows like a living entity. Silver shards on purple pall. They litter a landscape once bereft of hope. Fallen heroes like Terry Fox and Jane Tomlinson are now ensconced alongside living heroes like Lance Armstrong.

And every day, as the legion of cancer survivors grows, as procedures quicken, as doctors struggle against odds, the picture gets a little brighter.

In life, as in research, the journey of a thousand miles begins with that single step.

Fitting then, that, as we move closer to June 13th and the 2008 Relay for Life in Haliburton, steps, specifically those footprints which will patter ceaselessly on the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's macadam oval through the night and into the wee hours of a morning's dew, will mark Haliburton's testament to hope. The steps, lit by a legion of luminary candles, will honor local heroes. Survivors and those affected by this most perplexing of foes will get their swing at the piñata. Deft blows destined to squash this scourge, this blight on life and family.

Not everyone can pummel Pyrenees in a Tour de France maillot jaune, like cyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. Not everyone can summon the internal fortitude to struggle through cancer relapse and attempt to conquer Canada on one leg, like Terry Fox did in his Marathon of Hope.

But as Mike Iles, co-chair of the 2008 Haliburton Relay for Life says: "Everyone can participate in the Relay for Life, you just have to get involved, get some friends together and enter a team."

Iles was involved in the highly successful Relay for Life that literally transformed a town to single purpose last June. And now Mike, his wife Wendy and co-chair Aggie Tose are ready for another go-round this year.

Iles says that cancer today impacts one in three Canadians either directly or vicariously.

"It's a disease that affects everybody," says Iles. "Everyone knows a family member or a friend who has been affected by cancer. It's something that concerns us all and we organized the event to show our support for the cancer survivors and their caregivers. By participating, we show our support and love for

our cancer survivors," says Iles.

Iles says the event could not be run without the help and concerted efforts of a dedicated cadre of volunteers. "We had from 100 to 120 volunteers helping us last year and we expect the same contribution this year," says Iles. And on the glass half full side, there are even more survivors available for this year's event. Silver threads woven inextricably on weathered canvas.

Every year the number grows, bringing efficacy to this event and hundreds like it being held in cities and small towns across our nation. "When we know that one in three people in this country have been touched by cancer, it's important that we have events like this to raise awareness," says Iles.

And of course, awareness fuels research, and runs like the Relays for Life also raise that all-important and crucial ingredient: funding and revenue for the ongoing research. Last year's Relay for Life in Haliburton raised over \$130,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

"We hope to equal or surpass last year's event," says Iles. Last year there were just over 40 ten-person teams. "This year we already have 40 teams signed up," says Iles. His wife Wendy is in charge of team sign-ups and recruitment. Iles says that with almost two months remaining, they are hoping to go well beyond last year's team complement.

"We hope that the enthusiasm and excitement will build as we get closer to the event," says Iles.

The relay runs from 7 pm to 7 am. Iles says that the attending survivors and their caregivers will partake in the opening lap. Teams are made up of 10 participants and each team will collect pledges from family, friends and local businesses.

Teams are registered via the cancer website located at cancer.ca/relay. Once a team is registered, pledges are collected by each team member locally or pledges can also be issued for the team via the aforementioned Cancer Canada website.

"Wendy and I are inviting everybody that has been affected by cancer to think about participating," says Iles.

Another facet of this event centers upon the raising of sidebar funds through the sale of luminary candles.

The cancer.ca website notes that, "Luminaries are candles that are placed in special bags that bear the names of cancer survivors and loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer. After being lit during a twilight ceremony, luminaries provide light and inspiration to participants all night long. Luminaries can be purchased before or at the event for \$5."

Iles says that luminaries can be purchased at the Relay for Life or before the event via the cancer website. The Haliburton luminaries can be purchased locally through Julia and Mike Donnelly says Iles. The Donnelly's look after the luminary section of the event and they can be reached by contacting Mike or Wendy at 457-3517.

Over 1,000 luminaries lit the HHSS track last June and the goal this year is to have in excess of 1,500 luminaries lighting up the

Forty Teams Already Entered for June 13 Cancer Relay

oval this year.

Iles says that the event was proposed last year by a dedicated corps of local survivors and caregivers who had participated in similar events elsewhere and wanted to initiate a Haliburton Relay for Life.

"It's an event that's taken place for many years across the continent," says Iles. "Various local people had taken part in events and wanted to see one in our community. A lot of dedicated people brought this idea to fruition."

He adds that the Relay for Life committee still has a lot of work to do, but adds that the work is shared on many levels by a dedicated working group. "From here on, we'll meet as a committee once a week and we'll share ideas and continue to organize," explains Iles. He says that he will be part of a ten-person team this year, but chuckles that his team will have to carry some slack while he is busy with some of the organizational details that crop up in the course of an event this size.

Rules stipulate that at least one member of a team must

be walking on the track at any given time between 7 pm and 7 am. Other team members will play cards, watch the big screen (which this year will be showing a highlight compilation DVD from last year's Relay), listen to music or partake in some of the sidebar entertainment activity that will be available at the event this year.

"I'm relying on my team to support me through the night, because there will be times when I'll have to be doing other things," says Iles.

Iles says that there are already several high school teams entered in the Relay for Life and adds that youth involvement remains a poignant backdrop to the overarching theme.

"Young people... high school students are affected by cancer the same as the rest of us," says Iles.

"Relay For Life is how we fight back against cancer," says the cancer.ca website. "We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease. This is your opportunity to make a personal contribution and take action. Make a commitment to save lives by taking up the fight."

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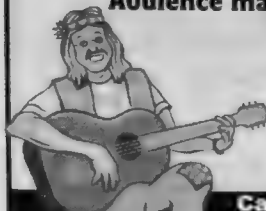
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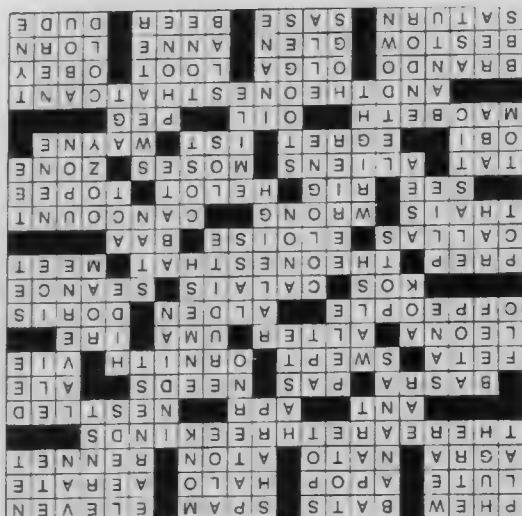
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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of influencing people to be and do their best. You would make an excellent teacher.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships — whether personal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Linger problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.

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Haliburton Karate Dojo Travels to Bancroft Competition

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Gichin Funakoshi, founder of Shotokan Karate, believed that one should be inwardly humble and outwardly gentle. Only by behaving humbly can one be open to Karate's many lessons.

That was back in 1924, well before Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris and Jackie Chan jerked, jolted and joggled their way onto the national panoply.

Funakoshi's ideal paints a picture of the sport that seems almost counter-intuitive today.

Pop-culture pugilists aside, most practitioners of the sport of Karate today subscribe to Funakoshi's lessons, eschewing the more sanguine aspects of this oft-misunderstood martial art.

Mike Chapman, Sensei (teacher/coach) of the Haliburton Karate Club, probably finds himself leaning more to Funakoshi than Jet Li.

"Karate is a sport which teaches self-discipline, confidence, respect and in the case of Haliburton, family time," says Chapman.

"The club has many siblings sign up together," says Chapman. "We also have mothers and children, fathers and sons and in one case even a grandfather and his grandson."

Chapman led a group of 25 of his Haliburton area students to Bancroft for an anniversary tournament last weekend. The Bancroft Club is celebrating 25 years of operation and they invited dojos from across the province to help them ring in the quarter century.

"The students are judged in two categories," explains Chapman. "First, each competitor performs a kata, a series of offensive and defensive karate moves." Kata is a formalized sequence of movements that represent various attack and defense postures. These postures are based on idealized combat applications. They are practiced alone and judged on style.

"There are different katas for each belt levels," says Chapman.

"Next they are judged in kumite, a non-contact sparring match," he explains. "Each kumite (sparring bout) consists of three points determined by an offensive move that would have resulted in a strike to their opponent."

The Haliburton Dojo won 27 medals including 10 gold at the Bancroft tourney.

They picked up 15 medals in the kata category and the other 12 in the kumite portion of the event.

Melissa Cooper, Liam McKinnon, Nikki Tetrow and Felix Schur won gold in their kata sections. Owen McKegion and granddad Sid, BJ Cooper and Sarah Varty all scored silver medals in their portion

of the kata. Sierra Tetrow and Cassey Varty, Izac Reid, Kyle Seabrooke and Shalen Saunders all captured bronze in kata.

Kyle Seabrooke won a gold in his Black Belt kumite.

Other gold medallists in the kumite portion included Izac Reid, Owen McKegion, Melissa Cooper, Alana Coty and her mom Caroline Dalke.

Silver medals went to: Jayden Bull, Cassy and Sarah Varty, Sierra Tetrow, Casey Saunders and Seamus Jarrett-Lynch.

The club will host a board and brick breaking seminar on May 17th from one until four pm. They are also organizing a tournament on October 19th.

The tournament will be held at the Haliburton Legion.

Anyone interested in obtaining information about Karate in Haliburton can contact Chapman at 457-3616. ■



Front: Mike Chapman, Sensei

Jayden Bull, Nikki Tetrow, Liam McCracken, Shalen Saunders, Lauren Urquhart, Taylor Urquhart, Jakob Hooyenga, Seamus Jarrett-Lynch, Kyle Seabrooke

2nd Row: Owen McKegion, Liam McKinnon, Brayden Saunders, Izac Reid, Cassy Varty, Sierra Tetrow, Melissa Cooper, BJ Cooper, Michael Ayers

Back: Sid McKegion, Casey Saunders, Felix Schur, Sarah Varty



Seamus Jarrett-Lynch and Dad

Community Shows Its Support Benefit Dances Held for Families Afflicted By Fire



Two benefit dances for three different families were held in Harcourt and Haliburton on the night of Saturday, April 12.

At the Harcourt Community Centre a dance was held for George Calfas and Joanne Bugg and the Kim family. In Haliburton supporters of the Redner family turned out at the Haliburton Legion.

"I got the ball rolling on this," said the Redner's event organizer Terri Cameron, and added that most of the 300 \$10 tickets for the event were sold. A silent auction featuring items donated by community members was held and entertainment was provided by the band The Maclay Experience.

Those at the packed Legion were in good spirits as they smiled and danced the night away. Family member Jason Redner said he was astonished by how the community rallied together.

"I'm just speechless," said Redner. He added that he was amazed by how many people showed up to be a part of the event.

"There are so many people to thank. Everyone in this town has been so good to us." ■



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M-2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Monday, April 28, 2008 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre and the Funeral Home. Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

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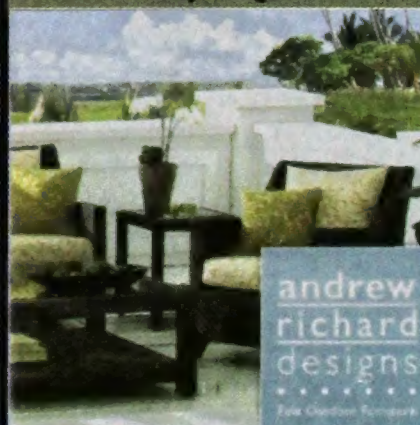
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GENERAL MEETING. Species At Risk in Haliburton County! Learn more about plants and creatures at risk in the county at the Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust on Saturday, April 26, at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Paul Heaven speaks about his research and mapping project on Species At Risk, commissioned by the Trust and generously supported by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Starts at 10:00am; all are welcome. More information at info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 754-2532. apr b c d 08

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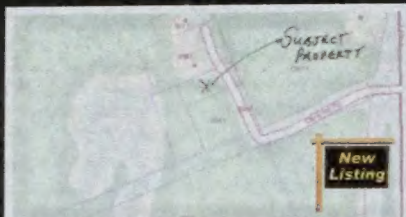
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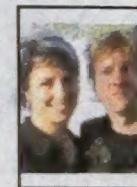
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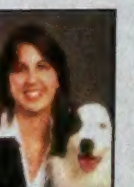
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